

MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

INTENT TO AWARD

RFQ NO./TITLE	25-TA006100SAM / Design-Build Services for North Regional Water Reclamation Facility Expansion	DATE POSTED	MC _____	DS _____
PROCUREMENT REPRESENTATIVE	Sherri Meier	PROJECTED AWARD DATE	January 27, 2026	
DEPARTMENT/DIVISION	Utilities Department	AUTHORIZED BY DATE	Jacob Erickson, Purchasing Official	

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

The Manatee County Procurement Division provides notice of its intent to award a contract with Sundt Construction, Inc. for the provision of design-build services for North Regional Water Reclamation Facility Expansion.

ENABLING/REGULATING AUTHORITY

Manatee County Procurement Ordinance, Sec 2-26.

BACKGROUND/EVALUATION

The purpose of the project is to provide preliminary design, detailed design, pre-construction services, permitting, construction, and start-up for the expansion of the North Regional Water Reclamation Facility (NRWRF) to a capacity of 14.0 million gallons a day (MGD) on an annual average daily flow (AADF) basis.

The solicitation was advertised on the Manatee County website, and DemandStar. It was also provided to the Manatee County Chamber of Commerce, the Manasota Black Chamber of Commerce, Gulf Coast Builders Exchange, and Gulf Coast Latin Chamber of Commerce for release to its members and advertised in the Bradenton Herald and Tempo News newspapers. Responses were received from the following firms:

1. Sundt Construction, Inc., Tempe, AZ

2. Wharton-Smith, Inc., Sanford, FL

The following firms were deemed non-responsive/non-responsible: None.

EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Sherri Meier, Procurement Division, non-voting
 Brent Laudicina, Water / Wastewater Plant Superintendent

Jim Renneberg, Chief Utilities Engineer
 Shea Shoun, Senior Project Engineer

EVALUATION SUMMARY:

The Evaluation Committee first convened on September 12, 2025 and conducted technical evaluations of the responsive and responsible proposals received. On September 25, 2025, the Evaluation Committee conducted in-person interviews with the short-listed firms: Sundt Construction, Inc., and Wharton-Smith, Inc. On September 26, 2025 the Evaluation Committee met for the final technical evaluations and requested authorization to enter into negotiations with the following firm:

1. Sundt Construction, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Evaluation Committee recommends award to the following firm(s):

Sundt Construction, Inc.

ATTACHMENTS (List in order of attached)	None	COST	\$24,396,379.00