

MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT NOTICE OF INTENT TO NEGOTIATE

RFQ NO./TITLE	26-R089754RB Gateway Greenway Trail - Phase II Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study	DATE POSTED	MC _____	DS _____
PROCUREMENT REPRESENTATIVE	Ryan Blackmer, Procurement Agent III	DEPARTMENT / DIVISION	Public Works	
AUTHORIZED BY	Purchasing Official	SIGNATURE DATE	Brent Sargent, CPPO, CPPB, NIGP- CPP, FCCM, FCCN CPP, FCCM, FCCN	Digitally signed by Brent Sargent, CPPO, CPPB, NIGP- CPP, FCCM, FCCN Date: 2026.05.19 12:59:57 -04'00'

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The Manatee County Procurement Division provides notice of its intent to negotiate a contract with Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. for the provision of Gateway Greenway Trail - Phase II project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study.

ENABLING/REGULATING AUTHORITY

Manatee County Procurement Ordinance, Sec 2-26.

BACKGROUND/EVALUATION

Manatee County solicited for the services of a qualified professional consulting engineering firm to perform a Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study and other Engineering Services to complete a National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) Environment Impact Statement (EIS). This will be intended to develop a connected countywide system of trails that enhances the quality of life for its residents, promotes a healthy and active lifestyle, and provide safe, accessible non-motorized transportation options.

The solicitation was advertised on the Manatee County website and DemandStar. It was also provided to the Manatee County Chamber of Commerce and the Manasota Black Chamber of Commerce for release to its members . Responses were received from the following firms:

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| 1. Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc., Tampa, FL | 4. Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., Clearwater, FL |
| 2. Kisinger Campo & Associates, Tampa, FL | |
| 3. Metric Engineering, Inc., Miami, FL | |

The following firms were deemed non-responsive/non-responsible: none

EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Ryan Blackmer, Procurement Agent III, Procurement Division, non-voting	Justin Rourk, Project Manager
Cameron Jones, Environmental Program Manager	Brent Stufflebeam, Project Engineer I

EVALUATION SUMMARY:

The Evaluation Committee first convened on May 6, 2026 and conducted technical evaluations of the responsible, responsive, proposals received. On May 13, 2026, the Evaluation Committee conducted in-person interviews with the short-listed firms: Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc., Kisinger, Campo & Associates, and Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. On May 15, 2026, the Evaluation Committee met for the final time to discuss details such as clarifications, interviews, and final technical evaluations ranking for the short-listed firms as follows:

1. Kimely-Horn & Associates, Inc.
2. Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.
3. Kisinger Campo & Associates, Inc.

The Procurement Division and Public Works Department request authorization to enter into negotiations with the following firm (s):

Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc.

ATTACHMENTS (List in order of attached)	Final Technical Evaluation Summary		
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**MANATEE COUNTY
PROCUREMENT DIVISION
RANKING SUMMARY**

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SOLICITATION NAME:

**Gateway Greenway Trail - Phase II Project Development &
Environment (PD&E) Study**

	Proposer & Team's Experience	Approach to Project Management, Trails and Design	Organizational Structure and Capacity	Similar Completed Projects	Total
Maximum Score	25	50	20	5	100
Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc	23.00	46.00	17.00	4.00	90.00
Stantec Consulting Services, Inc	20.33	42.00	16.33	3.33	82.00
Kisinger Campo & Associates	18.33	37.00	14.00	4.00	73.33
Metric Engineering, Inc	17.00	34.67	13.67	2.67	68.00