

MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT NOTICE OF INTENT TO NEGOTIATE

RFQ NO./TITLE	20-TA003439CD- Construction Phase Geotechnical Engineering Services	DATE POSTED	MC _____ DS _____	CC _____ BIDSYNC _____
PROCUREMENT REPRESENTATIVE	Chris Daley- Procurement Project Manager	DEPARTMENT / DIVISION	Public Works/ Project Management Division	
AUTHORIZED BY	Jacob Erickson, Procurement Official	SIGNATURE DATE		

NOTICE OF INTENT TO NEGOTIATE

The Manatee County Procurement Division provides notice of its intent to negotiate a contract with Ardaman & Associates, Inc. for the provision of Construction Phase Geotechnical Engineering Services.

ENABLING/REGULATING AUTHORITY

Manatee County Procurement Ordinance, Sec 2-26.

BACKGROUND/EVALUATION

The County requested proposals from qualified firms for the provision of construction phase geotechnical engineering and materials testing services for the SEWRF Storage Lakes and Pump Back Station project and the SWWRF Equalization System and Cover Addition with Bleach Tank Roof Over projects. The Consultant will provide all labor, materials, equipment, supplies and travel to perform the construction phase geotechnical engineering services to include field sampling and testing, laboratory testing, and engineering services as required for each project.

The solicitation was advertised on the Manatee County website and Bid Sync. 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. Ardaman & Associates, Inc., Orlando, FL | 2. AREHNA Engineering, Inc., Tampa, FL |
| 3. ECS Florida, LLC, Jacksonville, FL | 4. Terracon Consultants, Inc., Tampa, FL |
| 5. Universal Engineering, Inc., Sarasota, FL | 6. Tierra, Inc., Tampa, FL |
| 7. Tierra South Florida, Inc., Tampa, FL | 8. Nova Engineering and Environmental, Inc., Tampa, FL |

EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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| Chris Daley- Procurement Project Manager, Procurement Division, non-voting | Jim Renneberg Project Engineer II, Public Works Department |
| Anthony Benitez Project Engineer II, Public Works Department | Chris Collins Utilities WW Plant Superintendent, Utilities Department |

EVALUATION SUMMARY:

The Evaluation Committee first convened on October 13, 2020 and conducted technical evaluations of the responsible, responsive, proposals received. On October 13, 2020, the committee chair sent follow up questions to Ardaman & Associates, Inc., Terracon Consultants, Inc., and Universal Engineering, Inc. for the purposes of holding discussions with the short-listed firms. The Evaluation Committee met on October 15, 2020 for discussion of the follow up questions, final technical evaluations, and ranking of the firms as follows:

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| 1. Ardaman & Associates, Inc. | 4. Tierra, Inc. | 7. Nova Engineering and Environmental |
| 2. Terracon Consultants, Inc. | 5. AREHNA Engineering, Inc. | 8. ECS Florida, LLC |
| 3. Universal Engineering, Inc. | 6. Tierra South Florida, Inc. | |

The Procurement Division and Public Works/ Project Management Division request authorization to enter into negotiations with the following firm (s): Ardaman & Associates, Inc.