

January 30, 2026

**POLK COUNTY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF
THE STATE OF FLORIDA
ADDENDUM # 4**

RFP # 26-011, Disaster Debris Removal Services

This addendum is issued to clarify, add to, revise and/or delete items of the RFP Document for this work. This Addendum is a part of the RFP Document and acknowledgment of its receipt shall be noted on the Addendum.

Contained within this addendum: Questions & Answers and Receiving Date Extension.

The Proposal Receiving Date has been extended one (1) week. The revised Proposal Receiving Date is Wednesday, February 11, 2026, prior to 2:00 p.m.

Addendum 5 forthcoming, question deadline has closed.

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This Addendum sheet should be signed and submitted with your submittal.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Company: _____

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Question 1: If this is a term contract subject to renewal, what is the maximum number of option periods?

Answer 1: The term is 5 years from the effective date of the agreement.

Question 2: Has the current contract gone full term?

Answer 2: The current agreements were set to expire on February 15, 2026, but have been extended and will remain in place until the new agreements are in effect.

Question 3: Have all options to extend the current contract been exercised?

Answer 3: The agreements may extend upon Board approval.

Question 4: Who is the incumbent, and how long has the incumbent been providing the requested services?

Answer 4: The current incumbents are AshBritt, Inc. as the primary, Crowder-Gulf Joint Venture, Inc. as the secondary, and Ceres Environmental Services, Inc. as the tertiary. These agreements have been in place since February 16, 2021.

Question 5: To what extent will the location of the bidder's proposed location or headquarters have a bearing on any award?

Answer 5: There are no points associated with the proposer's location or headquarters.

Question 6: What is the required onsite response time?

Answer 6: Immediately after Impact.

Question 7: What is the total size or geographic scope of the service area?

Answer 7: The estimated geographic area 2500 square miles.

Question 8: What is the total mileage of roads within the scope of the service area?

Answer 8: Please see the response to Question 7 above.

Question 9: Are any specific professional credentials required to qualify for the contract?

Answer 9: The vendor must demonstrate significant professional expertise in hurricane response, mitigation, and recovery services including proven experience working in post – storm environments.

Question 10: Will the resulting contract include a guaranteed minimum payment to the vendor?

Answer 10: There is no guaranteed minimum payment. The successful vendor will be paid in accordance with the Price Sheet finalized with agreement.

Question 11: Are there any superseding prior agreements that may impact this contract?

Answer 11: No.

Question 12: When/what was the most recent event that precipitated the activation of the existing or previous contract?

Answer 12: Hurricane Milton 2024.

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- Question 13:** Approximately how many cubic yards of debris were collected from the most recent event?
Answer 13: 1 million (Vegetative & C & D)
- Question 14:** What estimated or actual dollars were paid to the incumbent(s) after the most recent event?
Answer 14: Estimated \$16,200,000.
- Question 15:** How many times have the incumbent's services been utilized in the previous five years?
Answer 15: Two (2) Hurricane Events
- Question 16:** Please reconfirm the due date for this procurement by providing it in response to answers to questions. 12.31 is New Year's Eve?
Answer 16: See above, proposal receiving date extension.
- Question 17:** If there was a previous solicitation for these services, what was its title, number, release date, and due date?
Answer 17: RFP 20-298, Disaster Debris Removal. Released September 3, 2020, and opened October 14, 2020.
- Question 18:** Why has this bid been released at this time?
Answer 18: The current agreements were set to expire on February 15, 2026, but have been extended and will remain in place until the new agreements are in effect.
- Question 19:** When is the anticipated award date?
Answer 19: The agreement is anticipated to be executed in April or May 2026.
- Question 20:** Are bidders permitted to deviate in any way from any manner of quoting fees you may be expecting? For example, if there is a pricing page in the RFP, can bidders submit an alternate fee structure? If there is no pricing page in the RFP, do you have any preference for how bidders should quote fees or can bidders create their own pricing categories?
Answer 20: Please use the pricing sheet provided in the RFP. Negotiations on alternate pricing can be made at level 4 of the elevation.
- Question 21:** Please describe your level of satisfaction with your current or recent vendor(s) for the same purchasing activity, if applicable?
Answer 21: Polk County was satisfied with the current vendor.
- Question 22:** Please provide the names of selection committee members?
Answer 22: John Bohde, Deputy County Manager
Michael Teate, Roads & Drainage
Gloria Reyes, Roads & Drainage
Ricky Norris, Roads & Drainage
Darrell Johnson, Supplier Diversity

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- Question 23:** Please provide the date, time, and location when the evaluation committee meeting will be held to evaluate proposals?
- Answer 23:** All meetings will be held at Polk County Administration Building located at 330 W Church St, Bartow FL 33830, on the 4th floor. The dates and times are proposed as follows:
1st Meeting – February 16, 2026, at 10:00am (Conference Room 413)
2nd Meeting – March 2, 2026, at 9:00am (Conference Room 413)
3rd Meeting – March 24, 2026, at 9:00am (Conference Room 407)
- Question 24:** Where will the evaluation committee meeting notice be posted?
- Answer 24:** Please visit the Procurement website at:
<https://www.polkfl.gov/business/procurement/>.
- Question 25:** Where will the recommendation for award be posted?
- Answer 25:** Please visit the Procurement website at:
<https://www.polkfl.gov/business/procurement/>.
- Question 26:** Will the recommendation for award be emailed to all respondents (awardees and non-awardees)?
- Answer 26:** Yes.
- Question 27:** Can the County confirm if the recommendation for award will be presented to the BOCC?
- Answer 27:** Yes.
- Question 28:** If the County schedules interviews after the written evaluation has been completed, is the written evaluation score compiled within the interview score to determine final ranking?
- Answer 28:** No. Please see “Elevation Level 3” in RFP Package, page 32.
- Question 29:** Page 18-Tab 1. Introduction. Please confirm whether this is or is not part of the scoring criteria?
- Answer 29:** There are no points associated with Tab 1.
- Question 30:** Page 18 – Tab 2. of the RFP indicates that Financial Reports are not part of the scoring Criteria. Having the Financial Capacity to fund a project for several months without receiving payment, but still paying your subcontractors, is extremely important in this industry. Would the County consider adding Financial Reports as part of the scoring criteria?
- Answer 30:** No.
- Question 31:** Page 21 of the Solicitation states that the audited financial reports shall be submitted in a separate envelope and must be marked in the left-hand corner on the outside of the envelope as follows: Can the County confirm that it does not want hard copies for Tab 2 and that electronic submission of these documents is acceptable?
- Answer 31:** Electronic submissions through the County’s Kiteworks would be acceptable.

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- Question 32:** The County has identified 7 Tabs to be electronically submitted. However, none of those tabs indicate where the required forms should be included. Can the County add Tab 8 for required forms?
- Answer 32:** The required forms may be added to Tab 1 or in a separate Tab 8.
- Question 33:** For the Draft Agreement, can the County confirm that no sections of this agreement should be filled out and submitted with our proposal, including pages 91 and 92?
- Answer 33:** Do not fill in the agreement. The draft agreement is a sample of what the agreement will be with the successful vendors.
- Question 34:** Does the County want the Affidavit Regarding the Use of Coercion for Labor or Services on page 93 filled out, signed, and submitted with our proposal?
- Answer 34:** The Affidavit Regarding the Use of Coercion for Labor form does not need to be submitted with the submittal. It will be required at the time the agreement is carried out with a successful vendors.
- Question 35:** Can the County please confirm if you have pre-identified Final Disposal Locations (FDS)?
- Answer 35:** Yes, the county has multiple sites throughout the county and receives pre-authorization every year in May or June.
- Question 36:** When was the last time the County had a contract activation for Debris Removal? How many CYs were removed?
- Answer 36:** Please see above responses for Question 12 and 13.
- Question 37:** Has the County determined which landfill(s) can be used? If so, please provide locations?
- Answer 37:** 10 Environmental Loop S, Winter Haven, FL 33880
- Question 38:** Will annual contract price increases based on Consumer Price Index (CPI) be allowed?
- Answer 38:** CPI may be used to determine an annual increase.
- Question 39:** Can the County provide which contractor held the previous or holds the current contract for the services requested in this solicitation with pricing?
- Answer 39:** Please see the information provided on the FTP site through Addendum 1.
- Question 40:** Can the County provide the address for their Emergency Operations Center?
- Answer 40:** 1890 Jim Keene Blvd, Winter Haven, FL 33880.

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Question 41: How often can we invoice?

Answer 41: The monitor will review the invoices from the debris contractor to ensure they are correct and if deemed correct then the invoice will be submitted to Polk County.

Question 42: Does the County have a monitoring firm contracted? If so, which monitoring firm?

Answer 42: Monitoring services are currently being solicited at the same time as this RFP 26-012.