

RFP 26-055, Construction Manager at Risk – Smith Lane Joint-Use Fire Rescue Station

2nd Selection Committee Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2026

Selection Committee Members:

Keith Tate, Facilities Management
Chief Shawn Smith, Polk County Fire Rescue
Darrell Johnson, Equal Opportunity
Rebecca Troutman, County Commissioner

Staff: Tabatha Shirah, Procurement
Noah Milov, County Attorney's Office

Attendees: Chris Szucs, Whitehead Construction, Inc.

The committee convened at 1:00 p.m. All committee members were present, except Ryan Taylor. Selection Committee members present scored each proposal in alphabetical order using the evaluation criteria and selection process, Elevation Level 2.

The scores are as follows:

Proposer	Score
Whitehead Construction	92
Rodda Construction	87
Strickland Construction	83
Register Construction & Engineering	82

In accordance with the RFP Selection Process Elevation Level 2, since there were only four responsive proposals received, the Selection Committee collectively decided to elevate all four Proposers to Elevation Level 3, Proposer Interviews; and for the interviews to occur immediately following the scoring meeting at the 1st Selection Committee Meeting.

In accordance with Elevation Level 3 (Proposer Interviews), at this interview the Proposer(s) shall make a presentation focusing on their approach to project. The Selection Committee Members will have an opportunity to inquire about any aspect of the RFP and the Proposers Proposal. Each interview has been scheduled for 30 minutes. Each Proposer will have 20 minutes for their presentation which will allow for 10 minutes for questions from the Selection Committee. Proposers should ensure that the Project Manager is present and no more than 3 additional personnel for this project are present

at the interview. If Proposers have a sub-consultant as a subject matter expert for the project, Proposers should ensure they're one of the 4 individuals present at interviews. The interviews have been scheduled for Monday, February 16, 2026, County Administration Building, Procurement Conference Room 150 (1stFloor), 330 West Church Street, Bartow, Florida, as follows:

Proposer	Time
Register Construction & Engineering, Inc.	1:30 p.m.
Rodda Construction, Inc.	2:10 p.m.
Strickland Construction, Inc.	2:50 p.m.
Whitehead Construction, Inc.	3:30 p.m.

In accordance with Florida Statute 286.0113, all interviews conducted will be exempt from attendance by anyone other than the selection committee. At the end of the last interview, the meeting will be open to the public at 4:00 p.m. and the ranking of firms and recommendation of award will occur in the sunshine.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tabatha Shirah
Chairperson / Procurement Analyst