

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

**Interviews/Ranking 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

**Others (Ranking Meeting):**

Jack Woods, Register Construction  
Jason Rodda, Rodda Construction  
Mike Strickland, Strickland Construction  
Mickey Strickland, Strickland Construction  
Chris Szucs, Whitehead Construction  
Ryan Whitehead, Whitehead Construction  
Caleb Brosey, Whitehead Construction  
Wayne Mullen, Whitehead Construction

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Interviews convened at approximately 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 16, 2026. All committee members were present, except Ryan Taylor. Presentations were made in alphabetical order followed by questions of the Committee. The interviews ended at approximately 3:45 p.m.

After the Presentation/Interviews, the Selection Committee meeting became open to the public at 4:00 p.m. The Selection Committee Members present ranked the firms from one to five with a ranking of one for the Proposer deemed to be the most highly qualified to perform the required services. The following are the firms interviewed and their final ranking by the Selection Committee.

<b>Proposer</b>		<b>Rank</b>
Whitehead Construction	Winter Haven, FL	1
Strickland Construction	Lakeland, FL	2
Rodda Construction	Lakeland, FL	3
Register Construction & Engineering	Lakeland, FL	4

In accordance with the RFP's Selection Process, Elevation Level 3, Proposer Interviews, the Selection Committee collectively decided to recommend the Board authorize staff to enter into contract negotiations with the highest-ranked Proposer, Whitehead Construction. Should negotiations fail with Whitehead Construction, negotiations will be terminated, and staff will begin negotiations with the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest-ranked Proposer, Strickland Construction. Should negotiations fail with Strickland Construction, negotiations will be terminated, and staff will begin negotiations with the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest-ranked Proposer, Rodda Construction. Should negotiations fail with Rodda Construction, negotiations will be terminated, and staff will begin negotiations with the 4<sup>th</sup> highest-ranked Proposer, Register Construction & Engineering.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

***Tabatha Shirah***

Chairperson / Senior Procurement Analyst