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Subject: Notice of Recommendation to Award - RFP 26-055, Construction Manager at Risk –
Smith Lane Joint-Use Fire Rescue Station

Thank you for your participation in the above referenced RFP. The Selection Committee will request the Board of County Commissioners to 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 2nd highest-ranked Proposer, Strickland Construction. Should negotiations fail with Strickland Construction, negotiations will be terminated, and staff will begin negotiations with the 3rd highest-ranked Proposer, Rodda Construction. Should negotiations fail with Rodda Construction, negotiations will be terminated, and staff will begin negotiations with the 4th highest-ranked Proposer, Register Construction & Engineering.

Any actual Proposer who is allegedly aggrieved in connection with the pending award may protest to the Procurement Director, in accordance with the Procurement Policies and Procedures Manual. The procedures can be found at the following link: <https://www.polkfl.gov/business/procurement/protest-procedures/>. In accordance with the Procurement Procedures any person who wishes to file a protest may do so by submitting a protest bond in the amount of \$1,000.00 with their initial Notice of Intent to file a protest prior to **Monday, February 23, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.** Failure to follow the bid protest procedure requirements within the time frames prescribed herein as established by Polk County, Florida, shall constitute a waiver of your protest and any resulting claims.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

Tabatha Shirah

Senior Procurement Analyst