

NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR BID

Polk County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, is soliciting bids for the following: **BID #26-045, Combee Academy SRTS Sidewalk and Street Lighting**

A **MANDATORY** pre-bid meeting will be held Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the Roads and Drainage conference room, located at 3000 Sheffield Road, Winter Haven, FL 33880. An authorized representative or agent of the Bidder must be present at this meeting in person as evidenced by their signature on the meeting's sign-in sheet, or the Bidder's bid will be considered non-responsive.

Bid packages may be obtained from the Procurement Division, 330 West Church Street, Room 150, Bartow, Florida, 33830, (863) 534-6757 or downloaded from our website at <https://www.polk-county.net/business/procurement/>. Respondents must submit one (1) original copy of the bid submittal prior to 2:00 p.m. on the bid receiving date. Bids must be submitted in a "sealed" parcel. Bids will be publicly opened at 2:00 p.m. on receiving date.

To obtain a copy of the specifications and drawings please go the following FTP site: <https://ftp3.polk-county.net>, you will be prompted for a User ID and Password. The User ID is *procurevendor* and the password is *solicitation*. After you have logged in to the FTP site, double click on the file folder "**Bid 26-045, Combee Academy SRTS Sidewalk and Street Lighting.zip**", select "Open" or "Save As" to download the Bid documents, drawings, and technical specifications. If you need assistance accessing this website due to ADA or any other reason, please email Ken Brush at kenbrush@polk-county.net.

Respondents must submit one (1) original copy of the bid submittal prior to 2:00 p.m. on the bid receiving date. Bids must be submitted in a "sealed" parcel. Bids will be publicly opened and read at 2:00 p.m. on receiving date.

Scope of Work: The project includes the construction of approximately 1,061 feet of sidewalk and the re-construction of numerous driveways near Combee Academy of Design and Engineering (CODE). Five-foot wide sidewalk will be constructed on:

Morgan Combee Road from Combee Road to Woodland Avenue and Morganwood Drive to Ridge Lake Court (south and north side, respectively).

Street lighting will be designed and installed by Lakeland Electric (LE). Existing utilities will be relocated and/or modified as needed. This project will meet FDOT Standards.

The construction cost estimate for the project is \$722,500.00.

Total number of days to final completion: 150 days

Qualification Requirements: The prime contractor or subcontractors shall be on the **Current List of FDOT Prequalified Contractors** in the following work classes: Grading; Sidewalk; Drainage; Driveways; Pavement Marking; Roadway Signing.

Prime contractor must have been in business under the same name or EIN number for a minimum of 3 years.

Bidders must possess a Polk County Local Business Tax Receipt (f/k/a Business License) in order to do business with the County. A copy of such license must be provided to the Procurement Division before award is made to the successful bidder.

Contractor shall submit a reference list of at least three (3) completed project similar in scope within the last five (5) years that reflects similar work performed. The list shall include: the project description, project address, current contact person, telephone number, and e-mail address. References should be submitted

with the Bid or must be submitted by the successful vendor within five (5) business days of request and before award.

Percentage of Work: The prime contractor shall perform a minimum of 40% of all work contained within the scope of work as outlined in the bid documents and special conditions, with the exception of signalization. This percentage of work requirement does not include the furnishing of materials or equipment in the construction, if not installed by the primary contractor.

Liquidated Damages will be assessed at the amounts established in FDOT Specification 8-10.2 Amount of Liquidated Damage.

Receiving Date: Prior to 2:00 pm. Wednesday, January 28, 2026, NO EXCEPTIONS

BID OPENING: Bidders may attend the Bid Opening in person or via conference call by dialing (646) 558-8656 and enter Meeting ID: 327 647 2818. A listing of all bidders will be posted to Procurement's website as soon as possible after bid opening.

QUESTIONS: Questions regarding this bid should be in writing and should reference the above Bid. Submit all questions to Ken Brush, Procurement Contracts Manager, via email at kenbrush@polk-county.net or via fax at (863) 534-6789 by 4:00 p.m. Monday, January 19, 2026.

Special Instructions: The County hereby notifies all Bidders that Women/Minority Business Enterprise firms are to be afforded a full opportunity to participate in any bid by the County and will not be subject to discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex or national origin. It is asked that Bidders make good faith efforts to use qualified W/MBE subcontractors in preparing their bid. Bidders are encouraged to contact the Office of Supplier Diversity at (863) 534-5959 for assistance or visit our website at: <http://vendordirectory.polk-county.net/default.aspx?id=0>

**STATEMENT OF NO BID
BID #26-045**

If submitting a "NO BID", Bidder shall return this form to the Polk County Board of County Commissioners Procurement Division, 330 West Church Street, Room 150, Bartow, Florida 33830; or fax it to (863) 534-6789.

We have declined to bid on the above-mentioned bid for the following reasons (Please Circle all that apply):

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| Specifications too "restrictive." | Insufficient time to respond to invitation for bid |
| Do not offer this product/service | Our schedule would not permit us to perform |
| Unable to meet specifications | Unable to meet bond/insurance requirements |
| Specifications unclear | |
| Other (please specify): _____ | |

Company Name: _____
Contact Name: _____
Telephone Number: _____
Email Address: _____
Date: _____