

# BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA

## NOTICE OF RECOMMENDED AWARD

DATE: May 26, 2026

BID NUMBER: 26-150

BID TITLE: Polk County Hotel Site Identification & Demand Study

RECOMMENDED AWARD TO: Panther Hospitality LLC DBA Horwath HTL

BASED ON: Lowest responsive bid meeting qualifications

PROCUREMENT ANALYST: Mike Baselice

Any actual bidder or proposer who is allegedly aggrieved in connection with the solicitation or pending award of a contract or bid may protest to the Procurement Director, in accordance with the Procurement Policies and Procedures Manual. The procedures are available at the Polk County Procurement Division at (863) 534-6757 or can be found at the following link: <https://www.polkfl.gov/business/procurement/protest-procedures/>. Any person who wishes to file a protest on the bid award may do so by submitting a non-refundable cashier's check in the amount of \$1,000.00 with their initial protest. Failure to follow the bid protest procedure requirements with the time frames prescribed herein as established by Polk County, Florida, shall constitute a waiver of your protest and any resulting claims. Deadline for filing protest: **Friday, May 29, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.** If no protests are received, the Procurement Director will award the project. The recap and bid analysis can be found at the following link: <https://www.polkfl.gov/business/procurement/>.