



DEPARTMENT OF PURCHASING AND CONTRACTS

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DATE: 9/3/25

TO: Janaya Swanson, Contracting Agent II

FROM: Larry Cooper

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award Bid No. 25-TFG00999/CT
Project Name: Slip Lining for Gravity Sewer Lines and Storm Drain Lines

The attached bid received from Vortex Services, LL for the above referenced project/solicitation is submitted for your review, evaluation, and award recommendation. In accordance with the Hernando County Ordinance No. 93.16, Section 2-105 (6) and Purchasing and Contracts Department Policies and Procedures Manual, Procedure No. 130F, Paragraph 3. (D), Policy 140I, Paragraph 2(H), please complete items 2 through 6 and return this award recommendation form with your technical evaluation attached, approved by your department director/manager.

1. Total Contract Bid Price is: \$51,027.50
2. Reference checks are satisfactory: ☒ YES ☐ NO
If no, provide an explanation using the space provided below and/or attached to this form.
3. Recommend award as responsive and responsible bidder ☒ YES ☐ NO
If no, provide a detailed explanation using the space provided below and/or attached to this form.
4. Request Next Bidder? ☐ YES ☒ NO
5. Provide a statement that addresses the reason(s) for your recommendation or rejection. Include your basis for determining that pricing is fair and reasonable and that the Bidder has the ability and resources to perform in accordance with the bid terms, conditions and scope.

Overall total pricing for Utility bid tabulation Table A Items 1 through 234 is the lower of the three. Vortex has been under contract with Hernando County Utilities, pricing is very reasonable compared to last contract. Vortex has the resources necessary to perform the work.

6. Provide the funding information: Fund 4121 Dept 07201 Account 5304615

Recommendation Approved By: 

HCUD Collection Supervisor / Operations Manager

Date: 

9/3/25

TECHNICAL EVALUATION FOR BID AWARD

ITB# 25-TFG00999/CT

Slip Lining for Gravity Sewer Lines and Storm Drain Lines

This document has been developed to facilitate your evaluation. Your evaluation should be limited to the attached. **Purchasing will ensure that all documents required by the solicitation are contained for evaluation.** This documentation will be included with the bid submitted for evaluation. Bids that are determined non-responsive by the Purchasing Division will not be submitted to you for evaluation. Please note that you should focus your attention on the areas contained within this document. Your evaluation will be a major consideration as to the responsiveness and/or responsibility of a bidder.

- A. Is the amount of the bid reasonable and realistic for the services to be performed or the item or equipment to be purchased? Yes

If the bid is considered reasonable/realistic, provide justification for your conclusion.

Vortex has been under contract with HCUD for the last 5 years, and bid pricing is comparable.

If you consider the bid to be unreasonable and/or unrealistic, please explain in detail.

- B. Was an independent County estimate developed prior to soliciting for the procurement? No

If affirmative, submit this estimate with your evaluation in the same format as the bid schedule and describe the extent the estimate was used in the analysis of the bid.

- C. Do the resources (manpower, equipment, supplies, etc.) proposed by the bidder meet the minimum requirements, if any, established by the solicitation? Yes

If minimums were not identified in the solicitation, you may request information on proposed resources from the bidder **through Purchasing.**

TECHNICAL EVALUATION FOR BID AWARD

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When specific types and quantities of equipment are required to meet minimum standards, the bidder may address this requirement by providing purchasing with a pro-forma invoice with confirmation from a bank or lending institution to the effect that they are prepared to finance the lease or purchase of equipment necessary to perform the services if the bidder is awarded the contract.

D. Does the bidder have a satisfactory record of performance? Yes

At a minimum, the bidder's record on previous county contracts must be considered and an attempt must be made to contact all references. The reference form attached is to be used for your documentation of your reference check. If references cannot be contacted, the Department shall contact Purchasing for additional references. Purchasing shall request from the bidder in writing of this fact and inform that the reference must contact the project person within two business days or it will negatively impact the evaluation the bid.

E. Provide your overall recommendation on the Recommendation for Award Form.

Note: At no time will the user/project person/bid evaluator discuss responsiveness, responsibility or withdrawal from the bidding process with any bidder. Moreover, it is strictly prohibited for any County representative involved in the bidding process to attempt to negotiate bids, influence or otherwise impact the business decisions of a bidder.

REFERENCE

Reference For (Firm/Company): Vortex Services, LLC _____

Company & Person Completing Reference: (Company & First and Last Name of Person Completing this Form):

Company Name: Pasco County Utilities

First Name, Last Name: Anthony Sagastume

PHONE #: 727-247-0504

Email: asagastume@pascocountyfl.net

1. Describe the work contracted to firm/company.
Vortex has performed pipelining rehabilitation work as well as Manhole rehabilitation work.
2. Was the work completed on time?
Work was performed and completed on time. If there was a situation where a deadline could not be met there was always good communication between both parties.
3. Were you satisfied with the final results?
Yes the final product was to Nassco Spec.
4. Did you implement their recommendations?
Depending on the situation as they are the subject matter experts in this area and never steered Pasco County in the wrong direction.
5. Did you encounter any problems?
As always with any construction project you encounter problems but Vortex always stands by their product and would make it right.
6. How would you rate the company on a scale of 1 to 5 (low to high) on the following:

Professionalism 5

Qualifications 5

Final Product 4

Cooperation 5

Reliability 5

7. Would you contract with this company again?

Yes X

No _____

Maybe _____

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Reference checked by: LARRY COOPER



Date: 9/5/25

REFERENCE

Reference For (Firm/Company): Vortex Services, LLC _____

Company & Person Completing Reference: (Company & First and Last Name of Person Completing this Form):

Company Name: Hernando County Utilities

First Name, Last Name: Larry Cooper

PHONE #: 352-754-4490 Ext. 35542

Email: Lcooper@co.hernando.fl.us

1. Describe the work contracted to firm/company.

Vortex has been under contract for slip lining with Hernando County for the last 5 years. Has done an excellent job. No other references needed.

2. Was the work completed on time? Yes

3. Were you satisfied with the final results? Yes

4. Did you implement their recommendations? Yes

5. Did you encounter any problems? No

6. How would you rate the company on a scale of 1 to 5 (low to high) on the following:

Professionalism	<u>5</u>
Qualifications	<u>5</u>
Final Product	<u>5</u>
Cooperation	<u>5</u>
Reliability	<u>5</u>

7. Would you contract with this company again?

Yes X No Maybe _____

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Date: 9/3/2025

REFERENCE

Reference For (Firm/Company): Vortex Services, LLC _____

Company & Person Completing Reference: (Company & First and Last Name of Person Completing this Form):

Company Name: City of Pinellas Park

First Name, Last Name: Kyle B. Arrison

PHONE #: 727-369-5621 Email: karrison@pinellas-park.com

1. Describe the work contracted to firm/company.

Vortex performed cured in place pipe rehabilitation, structure coatings and cleaning/Tv services

2. Was the work completed on time?

Yes

3. Were you satisfied with the final results?

Yes

4. Did you implement their recommendations?

yes

5. Did you encounter any problems?

A few minor problems were encountered, Vortex responded quickly to fix and issues.

6. How would you rate the company on a scale of 1 to 5 (low to high) on the following:

Professionalism 5

Qualifications 5

Final Product 5

Cooperation 5

Reliability 5

7. Would you contract with this company again?

Yes X No _____ Maybe _____

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Reference checked by:

LARRY COOPER 

Date:

9/4/25