DEPARTMENT OF PURCHASING AND CONTRACTS

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DATE: 06/18/2025

TO: Joseph Goulart, Contracting Agent II

FROM: Hunter Newton

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award Bid No. 24-CG00859/JG
Project Name: Glen WRF Denitrification and Plant Upgrades

The attached bid received from Carr & Collier, Inc 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), Policy140I, 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: $35,482,700.00
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.
   HCUD recommends the award of this project to Carr & Collier Inc. Based on the technical evaluation and the contractor references, we believe the contractor has the ability to complete this project. Pricing seems to be fair and reasonable compared with todays market value.
6. Provide the funding information: Fund 4144 Dept 07244 Account 5626323 $31,582,700.00
   Fund 4144 Dept 33503 Account 5626323 $3,900,000.00

Recommendation Approved By: _____ Date: 6-18-25
Department Director/Manager

Enclosure

TECHNICAL EVALUATION FOR BID AWARD

ITB# 24-CG00859/JG
Glen WRF Denitrification and Plant Upgrades
Carr and Collier

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. **The dollar amounts bid for each of the twenty-nine bid items is reasonable, represents a balanced bid, and realistic for similar heavy construction wastewater facility work bid items we have seen over the past 24 months.**

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

B. Was an independent County estimate developed prior to soliciting for the procurement? **Yes, by the design engineer – Jone Edmunds & Associates, Inc.**

   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. **See attachment No. 1 – Bid Comparison. We compared each bid item to determine if it was realistic and appropriate for the complexity of the bid item. The bid was acceptable.**

C. Do the resources (manpower, equipment, supplies, etc.) proposed by the bidder meet the minimum requirements, if any, established by the solicitation? **Yes, the response was complete and meet the minimum requirements established in the Contract Documents, specifically the Summary of Work and Bid Item Descriptions.**

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

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, we were able to successfully contact five of the ten References provide by the Contractor, and the References all indicated satisfactory performance and indicated they would hire and or likely Carr and Collier for future projects.**

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. **We investigated the Contractor's experience, reputation, and past project performance based on the references submitted. We believe the bid to be responsive and, based on the findings above, recommend the award to Carr and Collier.**

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 CHECK

BID #:24-CG00859/JG BID TITLE: Glen WRF Denitrification and Plant Upgrades

RESPONDENT: Carr and Collier

REFERENCE (Company or Person): The Villages – VCDD VCSA Water Treatment Plant No. 1 Improvements

PHONE #: 352-753-4022 x3231 PERSON YOU SPOKE TO: Karen White

1. Describe the work contracted by your firm/company.
   a. 2 wellsites that were combined into 1 on the water plant – contractor installed the piping and valves, added VFD's to the pumps, and upgraded the disinfection system. Mostly piping.

2. Was the work completed on time?
   a. Not completed on time – but not entirely on contractor. Blame is 50/50 on contractor and owner.

3. Were you satisfied with the final results?
   a. Yes.

4. Did you implement their recommendations?
   a. No Karen was not onsite day to day. We can contact Mike Saxton with Vikus Water for more information – 352-753-4747.

5. Did you encounter any problems?
   a. Some – Owner had to call a meeting to discuss on what should/shouldn't be change order. Once the meeting happened the problem was resolved.

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

   Professionalism 4

   Qualifications 4

   Final Product 4

   Cooperation 3

   Reliability 4

7. Would you contract with this company again?

   Yes _____ No _____ Maybe X

Reference checked by: Marisol Alvarez Date: 6/10/2025
Please Print and Sign

Company Name and Title if not completed by Hernando County Personnel _____ Jones Edmunds, Engineer

REFERENCE CHECK

BID #:24-CG00859/JG BID TITLE: Glen WRF Denitrification and Plant Upgrades

RESPONDENT: Carr and Collier

REFERENCE (Company or Person): City of Davenport WWTF Improvements Phase 1

PHONE #: 863-419-3300 Ext. 143 PERSON YOU SPOKE TO: Mike Stripling

1. Describe the work contracted by your firm/company.

Installed new headworks, grit removal system, lifts station installation, piping, electrical building, clarifier, chlorine chamber and appurtenances.

2. Was the work completed on time?

Yes

3. Were you satisfied with the final results?

Yes

4. Did you implement their recommendations?

Not that they recall.

5. Did you encounter any problems?

There were no issues on the contractor's end. There were problems with the As-Builts and the contractor found utilities in the ground that were not on the plans. Engineer resolved those problems.

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

Professionalism	4
Qualifications	4
Final Product	5
Cooperation	5
Reliability	5

7. Would you contract with this company again?

Yes X No Maybe

Reference checked by: Hunter Newton Date: 6/17/2025

Please Print and Sign Hunter Newton

Company Name and Title if not completed by Hernando County Personnel _____

REFERENCE CHECK

BID #:24-CG00859/JG BID TITLE: Glen WRF Denitrification and Plant Upgrades

RESPONDENT: Carr and Collier

REFERENCE (Company or Person): City of Clermont – East Side WRF RIBS Rerate

PHONE #: 352-394-7177 ext 6623 PERSON YOU SPOKE TO: Mark Griffin

1. Describe the work contracted by your firm/company.
   a. Cobined a set of ribs together to make one large rib – they did earthwork and piping.
2. Was the work completed on time?
   a. yes
3. Were you satisfied with the final results?
   a. yes
4. Did you implement their recommendations?
   a. yes
5. Did you encounter any problems?
   a. no
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 _____

Reference checked by: Marisol Alvarez Date: 6/11/2025
Please Print and Sign

Company Name and Title if not completed by Hernando County Personnel _____Jones Edmunds, Engineer_____

REFERENCE CHECK

BID #:24-CG00859/JG BID TITLE: Glen WRF Denitrification and Plant Upgrades

RESPONDENT: Carr and Collier

REFERENCE (Company or Person): City of Cape Canaveral – WRF Process Improvements

PHONE #: 321-868-1223 PERSON YOU SPOKE TO: Tim Carlisle – Jeff Ratliff passed away.

1. Describe the work contracted by your firm/company.
   a. Tim was a little unsure but thinks it was connected the filter improvements.

2. Was the work completed on time?
   a. Yes the work was completed on time. A few change orders were implemented due to engineering changes – not having to do with the contractor.

3. Were you satisfied with the final results?
   a. Yes, they are satisfied.

4. Did you implement their recommendations?
   a. No, Tim did not implement the recommendations, Jeff did however he has since passed away.

5. Did you encounter any problems?
   a. No problems were encountered that he remembers.

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

   Professionalism not able to answer

   Qualifications 5

   Final Product 5

   Cooperation not able to answer

   Reliability not able to answer

7. Would you contract with this company again?

   Yes x No _____ Maybe _____

Reference checked by: Marisol Alvarez Date: 6/10/25
Please Print and Sign

Company Name and Title if not completed by Hernando County Personnel _____Jones Edmunds, Engineer _____