



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

ENGINEERING • FACILITIES • REAL PROPERTY • ROADS/BRIDGES • STORMWATER • TRAFFIC • TRANSPORTATION

1525 EAST JEFFERSON STREET • BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA 34601
P 352.754.4060 • F 352.754.4423 • W www.HernandoCounty.us

MEMORANDUM

TO: Erin Kluis Briggs, Procurement Coordinator – Special Projects
THRU: D. Todd Crosby, P.E., Assistant County Engineer
FROM: Laura A. Borgesi, P.E., DPW Traffic Engineer
DATE: September 24, 2024
SUBJECT: 23-RFQ00414/CR Continuing Traffic Engineering Services

The Procurement Selection Committee (PSC) met on December 4, 2023, to evaluate the proposals for RFQ No. 23-RFQ00414/CR for Continuing Traffic Engineering Services for Department of Public Works.

The Committee consisted of:

- D. Todd Crosby, PE, Assistant County Engineer
Laura A. Borgesi, PE, PSM, MPA, DPW Traffic Engineer
Donald Carey, PE, DPW Stormwater Engineer

The firms were ranked in order as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Firm Name and Points (maximum score 100). Lists 11 firms and their scores.

Staff requests the Procurement Department move forward with the above top 6 ranked firms.

From: [Gregory, Amy](#)
To: [Laura A. Borgesi](#)
Subject: RE: Reference for VIBEngineering, Inc.
Date: Tuesday, October 29, 2024 8:13:07 AM

CAUTION: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

See below. Vibe has been good to work with, but we don't have a final product yet, so we don't have a recommendation to implement.

Amy J. Gregory, P.E.
Traffic Manager
Polk County Roads and Drainage Division
3000 Sheffield Rd
Winter Haven, FL 33880

863-535-2200

From: Laura A. Borgesi <LBorgesi@co.hernando.fl.us>
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2024 7:51 AM
To: Gregory, Amy <amygregory@polk-county.net>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]: Reference for VIBEngineering, Inc.

You don't often get email from lborgesi@co.hernando.fl.us. [Learn why this is important](#)

Amy,

Hernando County is in the process of checking references for VIBEngineering in an effort to award a Public Works Department Continuing Traffic Engineering Services Contract.

Could you take a moment and provide a reference utilizing the reference check items below?

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Best Regards,
Laura



Laura A. Borgesi, PE, PSM, MPA

Traffic Engineer
Hernando County Public Works – Engineering Division
1525 E. Jefferson Street, Brooksville, FL 34601
Office 352.754.4060
Direct 352.540.6563
Cell 352.540.0428

Email LBorges@co.hernando.fl.us

www.HernandoCounty.us



REFERENCE

-

23-RFQ00414/CR

Continuing Traffic Engineering Services

Reference For (Firm/Company): VIBEngineering, Inc.

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

Company Name: Polk County

First Name, Last Name: Amy Gregory

PHONE #: 863-535-2200

Email: amygregory@polk-county.net

1. Describe the work contracted to firm/company.

VIBE is preparing an ATMS Master Plan to be used by the FDOT and Polk County to secure a Design-Build Team to complete the design and to expand Polk's existing ATMS. The Master Plan for the 400-intersection ATMS will include standard ATMS features, as well as those required to prepare the County for CAV.

2. Was the work completed on time?

Work has not yet been completed. As it is DOT's task, not Polk County's, I'm not completely sure of the schedule.

3. Were you satisfied with the final results?

N/A

4. Did you implement their recommendations?

N/A

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 5

Qualifications 5

Final Product N/A

Cooperation 5

Reliability 5

7. Would you contract with this company again?

Yes _____

No _____

Maybe _____



Laura A. Borgesi, PE, PSM, MPA

Traffic Engineer

Hernando County Public Works – Engineering Division

1525 E. Jefferson Street, Brooksville, FL 34601

Office 352.754.4060

Direct 352.540.6563

Cell 352.540.0428

Email LBorgesi@co.hernando.fl.us

www.HernandoCounty.us



From: dennis.hughes@sarasotaf1.gov
To: [Laura A. Borgesi](#)
Subject: RE: Reference for VIBEngineering, Inc.
Date: Tuesday, November 5, 2024 9:43:55 AM
Attachments: [image005.png](#)
[image006.png](#)
[image007.png](#)
[image009.png](#)

CAUTION: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Laura,

We have had a contract with Vibe for the last 5 years and they have performed excellent on all assigned tasks.

Thank you

Dennis Hughes

Capital Projects Coordinator

Phone: (941) 263-6134

Mobile: (941) 376-0078

Email: dennis.hughes@sarasotaf1.gov

1761 12th Street, Sarasota, FL 34236



From: Laura A. Borgesi <LBorgesi@co.hernando.fl.us>
Sent: Tuesday, November 5, 2024 8:00 AM
To: Dennis Hughes <Dennis.Hughes@sarasotaFL.gov>
Subject: Reference for VIBEngineering, Inc.

Caution: This email originated from outside the City's email system. Be Suspicious of Attachments, Links and Requests for Login Information. Verify requester via phone call before exchanging sensitive information. **Think B4U Click!**

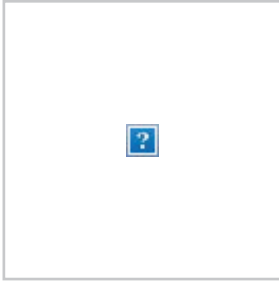
Dennis,

Hernando County is in the process of checking references for VIBEngineering in an effort to award a Public Works Department Continuing Traffic Engineering Services Contract.

Could you take a moment and provide a reference utilizing the reference check items below?

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Best Regards,
Laura



Laura A. Borgesi, PE, PSM, MPA

Traffic Engineer

Hernando County Public Works – Engineering Division

1525 E. Jefferson Street, Brooksville, FL 34601

Office 352.754.4060

Direct 352.540.6563

Cell 352.540.0428

Email LBorgesi@co.hernando.fl.us

www.HernandoCounty.us



REFERENCE

-

23-RFQ00414/CR

Continuing Traffic Engineering Services

Reference For (Firm/Company): VIBEngineering, Inc.

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

Company Name: Sarasota County

First Name, Last Name: Dennis Hughes

PHONE #: 941-263-6157

Email: dennis.hughes@sarasotafl.gov

1. Describe the work contracted to firm/company.

VIBE is providing support for planning, design, integration, construction inspection, and operations activities and developing documents, plans, and exhibits in accordance with City direction, procedures, and requirements to assist in the support of their ATMS Program to improve traffic flows and roadway safety.

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 _____ 5 _____

Qualifications _____ 5 _____

Final Product _____ 5 _____

Cooperation _____ 5 _____

Reliability _____ 5 _____

7. Would you contract with this company again?

Yes _____ X _____ No _____ Maybe _____



Laura A. Borgesí, PE, PSM, MPA

Traffic Engineer

Hernando County Public Works – Engineering Division

1525 E. Jefferson Street, Brooksville, FL 34601

Office 352.754.4060

Direct 352.540.6563

Cell 352.540.0428

Email LBorgesí@co.hernando.fl.us

www.HernandoCounty.us



response to a public-records request, do not send electronic mail to this entity. Instead, contact this office by phone or in writing. E-mail messages sent or received by City of Sarasota officials and employees in connection with official City business are public records subject to disclosure under the Florida Public Records Act.

From: [Price, Robert](#)
To: [Laura A. Borgesi](#)
Subject: RE: Reference for VIBEngineering, Inc.
Date: Tuesday, October 29, 2024 8:43:42 AM
Attachments: [image005.png](#)
[image006.png](#)
[image007.png](#)
[image008.png](#)
[image009.png](#)

CAUTION: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.



Robert L. Price, PE | Director

Department of Transportation

1500 Monroe Street, 3rd Floor, Fort Myers, FL 33901

office: (239) 533-8592

cell: (239) 634-4893

email: rprice@leegov.com

web: www.leegov.com

Connect With Us On Social Media



From: Laura A. Borgesi <LBorgesi@co.hernando.fl.us>
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2024 7:48 AM
To: Price, Robert <RPrice@leegov.com>
Subject: Reference for VIBEngineering, Inc.

Caution: This email originated from an external source. Be cautious of attachments and links, and do not provide login information. Report suspicious activity to the Service Desk: service@leegov.com or 533-HELP.

Mr. Price,

Hernando County is in the process of checking references for VIBEngineering in an effort to award a

Public Works Department Continuing Traffic Engineering Services Contract.

Could you take a moment and provide a reference utilizing the reference check items below?

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Best Regards,
Laura



Laura A. Borgesi, PE, PSM, MPA

Traffic Engineer

Hernando County Public Works – Engineering Division

1525 E. Jefferson Street, Brooksville, FL 34601

Office 352.754.4060

Direct 352.540.6563

Cell 352.540.0428

Email LBorgesi@co.hernando.fl.us

www.HernandoCounty.us



REFERENCE

-

23-RFQ00414/CR

Continuing Traffic Engineering Services

Reference For (Firm/Company): VIBEngineering, Inc.

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

Company Name: Lee County

First Name, Last Name: Rob Price

PHONE #: 239-634-4893

Email: rprice@leegov.com

1. Describe the work contracted to firm/company.

VIBE conducted a traffic study to evaluate the Lee Boulevard corridor for safety, access management, and operational concerns

2. Was the work completed on time?
Yes, the work was completed on time and within the budget.

3. Were you satisfied with the final results?
Yes, VIBE provided us with a report that incorporated recommendations for median operations for a 1-2 mile stretch of Lee Boulevard.

4. Did you implement their recommendations?
We are in the process of working with Developers to implement portions of the recommendations, and the County will implement the remainder of the recommendations.

5. Did you encounter any problems?
No problems were encountered.

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 _____



Laura A. Borgesi, PE, PSM, MPA

Traffic Engineer

Hernando County Public Works – Engineering Division

1525 E. Jefferson Street, Brooksville, FL 34601

Office 352.754.4060

Direct 352.540.6563

Cell 352.540.0428

Email LBorges@co.hernando.fl.us

www.HernandoCounty.us



Receive updates from Lee County Government by [subscribing to our newsletter](#)

Please note: Florida has a very broad public records law. Most written communications to or from County Employees and officials regarding County business are public records available to the public and media upon request. Your email communication may be subject to public disclosure.

Under Florida law, email addresses are public records. If you do not want your email address released in response to a public records request, do not send electronic mail to this entity. Instead, contact this office by phone or in writing.

REFERENCE CHECK

BID #: 23-RFQ00414/CR

BID TITLE: Continuing Traffic Engineering Services

RESPONDENT: HDR Engineering

REFERENCE (Company or Person): Pasco County Government

PHONE #: 727-834-3604 PERSON YOU SPOKE TO: Kevin Sumner

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

Miscellaneous Professional Engineering Services (15-009) – Tasks included roadway design, drainage systems, traffic design, structures design, traffic control, environmental, utility coordination, etc.

Contract Cost: \$1.1M

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, but they were all resolved satisfactorily.

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 4.5

Reliability 5

7. Would you contract with this company again?

Yes X No _____ Maybe _____

Reference checked by: Laura A. Borgesi

Date: 10/28/2024

REFERENCE CHECK

BID #: 23-RFQ00414/CR

BID TITLE: Continuing Traffic Engineering Services

RESPONDENT: HDR Engineering

REFERENCE (Company or Person): Hernando County DPW/Engineering

PHONE #: 352-540-6570 PERSON YOU SPOKE TO: Ernie Lane

1. Describe the work contracted by your firm/company.
Continuing Traffic Engineering Services (18R00006) – multiple contracts, tasks included transportation, traffic analysis, safety studies, roadway design, and projects for several County Roadways. Contract Cost: \$1.2M to date
2. Was the work completed on time?
Work is always on time.
3. Were you satisfied with the final results?
I am very satisfied with HDR's Designs.
4. Did you implement their recommendations?

Yes, After discussions with items in question / in need.
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 Y No Maybe

Reference checked by: Laura A. Borgesi

Date: 10-28-2024

From: [Zayas, Bryan](#)
To: [Laura A. Borgesi](#)
Subject: RE: Reference for HDR
Date: Tuesday, November 5, 2024 9:53:51 AM
Importance: High

CAUTION: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Laura,

Please see my responses below.

To summarize, HDR are excellent professionals, and we would contract with them again.

It is very important, however, to emphasize and perform quality checking on their assessment of actual (as found / existing) conditions.

Thanks,

Bryan Zayas

Traffic Management Center

Public Works, Engineering and Operations Department, Technical Services Division

E: zayasb@hcfl.gov

M: (813) 778-4535

2310 Regional Water Ln, Tampa, FL 33619

HCFL.gov

[Facebook](#) | [X](#) | [YouTube](#) | [LinkedIn](#) | [Instagram](#) | [HCFL Stay Safe](#)

Hillsborough County Florida

Please note: All correspondence to or from this office is subject to Florida's Public Records law.

From: Laura A. Borgesi <LBorgesi@co.hernando.fl.us>
Sent: Tuesday, November 5, 2024 8:19 AM
To: Zayas, Bryan <ZayasB@hcfl.gov>; Zayas, Bryan <ZayasB@hcfl.gov>
Subject: Reference for HDR

External email: Use caution when clicking on links, opening attachments or replying to this email.

Bryan,

I am seeking out references for HDR to award the continuing traffic services contract that Hernando County utilizes for traffic engineering projects.

They provided Hillsborough County as a reference.

Could you or someone familiar with HDR's work provide a reference?

REFERENCE

23-RFQ00414/CR

Continuing Traffic Engineering Services

Reference For (Firm/Company): HDR

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

Company Name: Hillsborough County

First Name, Last Name: Bryan Zayas

PHONE #: 813-778-4535

Email: ZayasB@hillsboroughcounty.org

1. Describe the work contracted to firm/company.

HDR has provided general/civil engineering services to Hillsborough County to support transportation capital improvements for several years. HDR supports the County with transportation engineering services from concept, through design and specifications, through bidding and construction. HDR developed design plans for the implementation of Hillsborough County Smart Traffic Network, which includes fiber infrastructure, network infrastructure, and ITS Devices improvements.

2. Was the work completed on time?

[Work was delayed due to change of strategy, change of assigned county resources, change in the county's applicable standards, and other funding related issues.](#)

3. Were you satisfied with the final results?

[The results were acceptable.](#)

4. Did you implement their recommendations?

Recommendations are being implemented, with field changes and corrections required for actual 'as found' conditions not considered on the HDR designs.

5. Did you encounter any problems?

During construction / implementation, it was found that some of the existing fiber was aerial and not underground as per the design. There was also a conflict with utility from Florida Gas Transmission which was not considered on the design plans.

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	_____ 3 _____
Cooperation	_____ 5 _____
Reliability	_____ 4 _____

7. Would you contract with this company again?

Yes X No _____ Maybe _____



Laura A. Borgesi, PE, PSM, MPA

Traffic Engineer

Hernando County Public Works – Engineering Division

1525 E. Jefferson Street, Brooksville, FL 34601

Office 352.754.4060

Direct 352.540.6563

Cell 352.540.0428

Email LBorges@co.hernando.fl.us

www.HernandoCounty.us



REFERENCE CHECK

BID #: 23-RFQ00414/CR

BID TITLE: Continuing Traffic Engineering Services

RESPONDENT: Infrastructure Consulting & Engineering

REFERENCE (Company or Person): Sumter County

PHONE #: 352-689-4400 PERSON YOU SPOKE TO: Steven Cohoon

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

CR 656 Roadway Improvements – Engineering design services for rehabilitation of existing pavement, developed drainage improvements, and provided permitting services.
Contract Cost: \$170,310.00

2. Was the work completed on time? **Yes**

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

4. Did you implement their recommendations? **In the process of being implemented**

5. Did you encounter any problems? **None that were related to the ICE team. Problems that were encountered, wetland impacts, were mitigated by the team. They did a great job.**

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 No Maybe

Reference checked by: Laura A. Borgesi

Date: 10/28/2024

REFERENCE CHECK

BID #: 23-RFQ00414/CR

BID TITLE: Continuing Traffic Engineering Services

RESPONDENT: City of Dunedin

REFERENCE (Company or Person): Bob Ironsmith

PHONE #: 727.298.3204

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

Streetscape, Complete Streets, crosswalks, roundabouts, wayfinding, golf cart crossing, undergrounding overhead utilities, speed reduction, applied and obtained grants

2. Was the work completed on time?

yes

3. Were you satisfied with the final results?

Very much so

4. Did you implement their recommendations?

Yes all were implemented or in the process of being constructed

5. Did you encounter any problems?

All good, due to the current business climate a few projects came over initial estimates

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: Laura A. Borgesi

Date: 10/28/2024

REFERENCE CHECK

BID #: 23-RFQ00414-CR

BID TITLE: Continuing Traffic Engineering Services

RESPONDENT: Infrastructure Consulting & Engineering

REFERENCE (Company or Person): City of Gainesville

PHONE #: 352-334-5010 PERSON YOU SPOKE TO: Philip Mann, P.E.

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

Roundabout Design of Main Street at Deport Park – Roundabout design from full traffic signal operation to roundabout operation.
Contract Cost: \$101,000.00

2. Was the work completed on time?

Yes, the work was completed on time.

3. Were you satisfied with the final results?

Yes, the City of Gainesville was satisfied with the final result.

4. Did you implement their recommendations?

Yes, the recommendations developed by the consultant were ultimately implemented at the intersections.

5. Did you encounter any problems?

No, the City of Gainesville did not encounter any problems. The consultant was very proactive working with other stakeholders to head off design issues.

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 5

Reliability 5

7. Would you contract with this company again?

Yes XXX No Maybe

Reference checked by: Laura A, Borgesi Date: 10/28/2024

REFERENCE CHECK

BID #: 23-RFQ00414/CR

BID TITLE: Continuing Traffic Engineering Services

RESPONDENT: Stantec Consulting

REFERENCE (Company or Person): Pinellas County

PHONE #: 727-464-8731 PERSON YOU SPOKE TO: Rob Meador

1. Describe the work contracted by your firm/company.
Traffic signal design. ATMS. Roadway Design. Sidewalk Design. Permitting.
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?

Not with consultant or their recommendations
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 No Maybe

Reference checked by: Laura A. Borgesi Date: 10/28/2024

REFERENCE CHECK

BID #: 23-RFQ00414/CR

BID TITLE: Continuing Traffic Engineering Services

RESPONDENT: Stantec Consulting

REFERENCE (Company or Person): City of Tarpon Springs

PHONE #: 727-942-5638 PERSON YOU SPOKE TO: Bob Robertson, P.E.

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

Miscellaneous Engineering Services – Tasks included roadway and drainage, water/wastewater, drainage/stormwater, bridge/structural services, planning, environmental, groundwater, construction management, ROW services, surveying, permitting, etc.

Contract Cost: Varies

2. Was the work completed on time?

Yes

3. Were you satisfied with the final results?

Yes

4. Did you implement their recommendations?

Yes, where applicable

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 5

Qualifications 5

Final Product 5

Cooperation 5

Reliability 5

7. Would you contract with this company again?

Yes Yes No Maybe

Reference checked by: Laura A. Borgesi

Date: 10/28/2024

REFERENCE CHECK

BID #: 23-RFQ00414/CR

BID TITLE: Continuing Traffic Engineering Services

RESPONDENT: Stantec Consulting

REFERENCE (Company or Person): Manatee County Government

PHONE #: 941-708-7476 PERSON YOU SPOKE TO: Chad Butzow

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

Miscellaneous Engineering Services – Tasks included roadway, traffic signal, sidewalk/trail, parks and recreation, utility, stormwater and drainage, and irrigation design, wastewater treatment, water resources and hydrology, construction phase support, planning, and environmental remediation.
Contract Cost: Varies

2. Was the work completed on time?

Doug Stoker is great, everything was completed on time.

3. Were you satisfied with the final results?

Yes, very satisfied.

4. Did you implement their recommendations?

No recommendations.

5. Did you encounter any problems?

No. They created a great team and have completed several road jobs and traffic signals.

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: Laura A. Borgesi

Date: 10/28/24

From: [Laura A. Borgesi](#)
To: [Erin Briggs](#)
Subject: FW: Reference for Burgess & Niple, Inc.
Date: Tuesday, November 5, 2024 5:09:09 PM
Attachments: [image005.png](#)
[image006.png](#)
[image007.png](#)
[image009.png](#)

See below.



Laura A. Borgesi, PE, PSM, MPA

Traffic Engineer

Hernando County Public Works – Engineering Division

1525 E. Jefferson Street, Brooksville, FL 34601

Office 352.754.4060

Direct 352.540.6563

Cell 352.540.0428

Email LBorgesi@co.hernando.fl.us

www.HernandoCounty.us



From: Nikesh Patel <Nikesh.Patel@sarasotaFL.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2024 11:34 AM
To: Laura A. Borgesi <LBorgesi@co.hernando.fl.us>
Subject: RE: Reference for Burgess & Niple, Inc.

CAUTION: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Laura:

See below in red.

Thank you,
Nik



Nikesh Patel, PE, CPM, PTOE, CGC, AICP

City Engineer, City of Sarasota

Phone: (941) 263-6132

Email: Nikesh.Patel@SarasotaFL.gov

1761 12th St. Sarasota, FL 34236



From: Laura A. Borgesi <LBorgesi@co.hernando.fl.us>
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2024 7:59 AM
To: Nikesh Patel <Nikesh.Patel@sarasotaFL.gov>
Subject: Reference for Burgess & Niple, Inc.

Caution: This email originated from outside the City's email system. Be Suspicious of Attachments, Links and Requests for Login Information. Verify requester via phone call before exchanging sensitive information. **Think B4U Click!**

Dear Nikesh,

Hernando County is in the process of checking references for Burgess & Niple in an effort to award a Public Works Department Continuing Traffic Engineering Services Contract.

Could you take a moment and provide a reference utilizing the reference check items below?

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Best Regards,
Laura



Laura A. Borgesi, PE, PSM, MPA

Traffic Engineer
Hernando County Public Works – Engineering Division
1525 E. Jefferson Street, Brooksville, FL 34601
Office 352.754.4060
Direct 352.540.6563
Cell 352.540.0428
Email LBorgesi@co.hernando.fl.us
www.HernandoCounty.us



REFERENCE

-
23-RFQ00414/CR

Continuing Traffic Engineering Services

Reference For (Firm/Company): Burgess & Niple, Inc

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

Company Name: City of Sarasota

First Name, Last Name: Nikesh Patel

PHONE #: 941-263-6132

Email: Nikesh.Patel@sarasotaFL.gov

1. Describe the work contracted to firm/company.

The City of Sarasota identified Ringling Boulevard as a candidate for a complete streets project to address the growth in bicycle traffic between The Legacy Trail and downtown Sarasota and the Bayfront. The design-build delivery method allowed the City to provide that connectivity as quickly as possible. The protected bike lane was prioritized and is highlighted with green paint along intersections and conflict points to enhance safety. ADA ramps and crosswalks were upgraded and repaired to ADA standards. Landscaped islands with canopy trees were added as part of the complete streets. Bus stop pads were installed as loading/unloading areas for riders outside of the bike lane. The project delivered the features from design to final acceptance in less than one year and under \$3 million

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 5

-

Qualifications 5

Final Product 5

Cooperation 5

Reliability 5

-

7. Would you contract with this company again?

Yes No Maybe



Laura A. Borgesi, PE, PSM, MPA

Traffic Engineer

Hernando County Public Works – Engineering Division

1525 E. Jefferson Street, Brooksville, FL 34601

Office 352.754.4060

Direct 352.540.6563

Cell 352.540.0428

Email LBorges@co.hernando.fl.us

www.HernandoCounty.us



Under Florida law, e-mail addresses are public records. If you do not want your e-mail address released in response to a public-records request, do not send electronic mail to this entity. Instead, contact this office by phone or in writing. E-mail messages sent or received by City of Sarasota officials and employees in connection with official City business are public records subject to disclosure under the Florida Public Records Act.

From: [Laura A. Borgesi](#)
To: [Erin Briggs](#)
Subject: FW: Reference for Burgess & Niple, Inc.
Date: Tuesday, November 5, 2024 5:10:01 PM
Attachments: [image005.png](#)

See below.



Laura A. Borgesi, PE, PSM, MPA

Traffic Engineer

Hernando County Public Works – Engineering Division

1525 E. Jefferson Street, Brooksville, FL 34601

Office 352.754.4060

Direct 352.540.6563

Cell 352.540.0428

Email LBorgesi@co.hernando.fl.us

www.HernandoCounty.us



From: Josephson, Lawrence <JosephsonL@hcfl.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2024 10:18 AM
To: Laura A. Borgesi <LBorgesi@co.hernando.fl.us>
Subject: RE: Reference for Burgess & Niple, Inc.

CAUTION: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Laura,

See answers below to your questions.

Larry,

Lawrence Josephson, PE

Transportation Review, Standards & Design Program Manager

Technical Services Division

Engineering & Operations Department

Public Works Administration

C: (813) 373-2176

E: JosephsonL@HCFL.gov

W: HCFLGov.net

Hillsborough County

601 E. Kennedy Blvd., 22nd Floor, Tampa, FL 33602

[Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) | [YouTube](#) | [LinkedIn](#)

Please note: All correspondence to or from this office is subject to Florida's Public Records law.

From: Laura A. Borgesi <LBorgesi@co.hernando.fl.us>

Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2024 8:08 AM

To: Josephson, Lawrence <JosephsonL@hcfl.gov>

Subject: Reference for Burgess & Niple, Inc.

External email: Use caution when clicking on links, opening attachments or replying to this email.

Dear Mr. Josephson,

Hernando County is in the process of checking references for Burgess & Niple in an effort to award a Public Works Department Continuing Traffic Engineering Services Contract.

Could you take a moment and provide a reference utilizing the reference check items below?

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Best Regards,
Laura



Laura A. Borgesi, PE, PSM, MPA

Traffic Engineer

Hernando County Public Works – Engineering Division

1525 E. Jefferson Street, Brooksville, FL 34601

Office 352.754.4060

Direct 352.540.6563

Cell 352.540.0428

Email LBorgesi@co.hernando.fl.us

www.HernandoCounty.us



REFERENCE

Continuing Traffic Engineering Services

Reference For (Firm/Company): Burgess & Niple, Inc

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

Company Name: Hillsborough County

First Name, Last Name: Lawrence Josephson

PHONE #: 813-373-2176

Email: josephsonl@hcfl.gov

1. Describe the work contracted to firm/company.

The HCTDM was prepared as an all-new design manual for Hillsborough County. In development for 2 years, B&N created the outline, contents and approaches of the manual while working closely with the Technical Services Division (TSD) Leadership Team and the County Engineer. The HCTDM was based on the newly created Hillsborough County Context-Based Classification System (also developed by B&N). Typical Cross Sections were developed for each Context Classifications with new design criteria above and beyond those established in the FDM.

2. Was the work completed on time?

Yes

3. Were you satisfied with the final results?

Yes, very much.

4. Did you implement their recommendations?

Yes. The HCTDM manual was a collaborative effort with the B&N team and an internal team of engineers from Hillsborough County. The majority of their ideas they presented were implemented with input from Hillsborough County. Two major sections of the manual that are related to crash investigation and speed management strategies were developed by B&N almost exclusively. These sections were the Multimodal Safety Analysis and Speed Management sections in an effort to provide Hillsborough County with tools to analyze crashes to provide proposed safety countermeasures to help prevent the crashes (Multimodal Safety Analysis) and strategies to help lower speeds on roads to reduce fatal and serious injury crashes (Speed Management Strategies).

5. Did you encounter any problems?

No problems encountered. B&N was very responsive and proactive in the manner that they approached all assignments. They are very forthcoming with suggestions, ideas, coordination, tracking progress, and implementation of assignments.

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 _____ Definitely _____ No _____ Maybe _____



Laura A. Borgesi, PE, PSM, MPA

Traffic Engineer

Hernando County Public Works – Engineering Division

1525 E. Jefferson Street, Brooksville, FL 34601

Office 352.754.4060

Direct 352.540.6563

Cell 352.540.0428

Email LBorges@co.hernando.fl.us

www.HernandoCounty.us



From: [Laura A. Borgesi](#)
To: [Erin Briggs](#)
Subject: FW: Reference for Burgess & Niple
Date: Tuesday, November 5, 2024 5:10:49 PM

See below.



Laura A. Borgesi, PE, PSM, MPA

Traffic Engineer

Hernando County Public Works – Engineering Division

1525 E. Jefferson Street, Brooksville, FL 34601

Office 352.754.4060

Direct 352.540.6563

Cell 352.540.0428

Email LBorgesi@co.hernando.fl.us

www.HernandoCounty.us



From: Gonzalez, Sandra <GonzalezSa@hcfl.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 5, 2024 3:29 PM
To: Laura A. Borgesi <LBorgesi@co.hernando.fl.us>
Subject: RE: Reference for Burgess & Niple

CAUTION: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Hello Laura,

I'm glad we were able to connect. Below please find the requested information for B&N:

REFERENCE

23-RFQ00414/CR

Continuing Traffic Engineering Services

Reference For (Firm/Company): Burgess & Niple, Inc

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

Company Name: Hillsborough County

First Name, Last Name: Sandra Gonzalez

PHONE #: 813-307-7349

Email: GonzalezSa@hcfl.gov

1. Describe the work contracted to firm/company.

B&N has successfully completed a wide variety of projects under the contract between 2021 and 2023. See a list of representative projects below. • Pebble Beach Boulevard Bridge Replacement (design) • Seffner Elementary School - School Circulation Improvements (Study/Design) • Brooker Elementary School and Burns Middle School - School Circulation Improvements (Study/Design) • Palm River Elementary School - School Circulation Improvements (Study/Design) • School speed zones Phase IIC • School speed zones Elementary/Middle Schools • School speed zones High Schools/Private Schools • Safe Routes to School (SRTS) - Brandon High School and Limona Elementary School • Corridor Preservation Plan: Alternative Land Use Scenario • Corridor Preservation Plan Update • Gibsonton Grant Funding • Madison Ave. Culvert Replacement

2. Was the work completed on time?

Yes, within the schedules and funding allocations established by the County

3. Were you satisfied with the final results?

Yes

4. Did you implement their recommendations?

Yes, when applicable and when they represented savings to the project or improvements from the original concept.

5. Did you encounter any problems?

No and when challenges related to the projects were found, B&N brought them up to the County's attention in advance and helped come up with feasible solutions to overcome the challenges

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 4

7. Would you contract with this company again?

Yes No Maybe

Best regards,

Sandra G.

Sandra González, P.E.

Design Manager

Technical Services Division

Engineering & Operations Department

Public Works Administration

E: GonzalezSa@HCFL.gov

P: (813) 307-1749

601 E. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, FL 33602

HCFL.gov

[Facebook](#) | [X](#) | [YouTube](#) | [LinkedIn](#) | [Instagram](#) | [HCFL Stay Safe](#)

Hillsborough County Florida

Please note: All correspondence to or from this office is subject to Florida's Public Records law.

From: Laura A. Borgesi <L.Borgesi@co.hernando.fl.us>

Sent: Tuesday, November 5, 2024 3:05 PM

To: Gonzalez, Sandra <GonzalezSa@hcfl.gov>

Subject: RE: Reference for Burgess & Niple

External email: Use caution when clicking on links, opening attachments or replying to this email.

Hi Sandra,

SO good to hear from you. I have been trying to reach you to get a reference for Burgess & Niple as well.

Can you fill out the questions for the projects that Burgess and Niple has provided traffic engineering services?

|



Laura A. Borgesi, PE, PSM, MPA

Traffic Engineer

Hernando County Public Works – Engineering Division

1525 E. Jefferson Street, Brooksville, FL 34601

Office 352.754.4060

Direct 352.540.6563

Cell 352.540.0428

Email LBorges@co.hernando.fl.us

www.HernandoCounty.us



REFERENCE

23-RFQ00414/CR

Continuing Traffic Engineering Services

Reference For (Firm/Company): Burgess & Niple, Inc

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

Company Name: Hillsborough County

First Name, Last Name: Sandra Gonzalez

PHONE #: 813-307-7349

Email: gonzaleza@hillsboroughcounty.org

1. Describe the work contracted to firm/company.

B&N has successfully completed a wide variety of projects under the contract between 2021 and 2023. See a list of representative projects below. • Pebble Beach Boulevard Bridge Replacement (design) • Seffner Elementary School - School Circulation Improvements (Study/Design) • Brooker Elementary School and Burns Middle School - School Circulation Improvements (Study/Design) • Palm River Elementary School - School Circulation Improvements (Study/Design) • School speed zones Phase IIC • School speed zones Elementary/Middle Schools • School speed zones High Schools/Private Schools • Safe Routes to School (SRTS) - Brandon High School and Limona Elementary School • Corridor Preservation Plan: Alternative Land Use Scenario • Corridor Preservation Plan Update • Gibsonton Grant Funding • Madison Ave. Culvert Replacement

2. Was the work completed on time?

3. Were you satisfied with the final results?

4. Did you implement their recommendations?

5. Did you encounter any problems?

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

Professionalism _____

Qualifications _____

Final Product _____

Cooperation _____

Reliability _____

7. Would you contract with this company again?

Yes _____

No _____

Maybe _____



Laura A. Borgesi, PE, PSM, MPA

Traffic Engineer

Hernando County Public Works – Engineering Division

1525 E. Jefferson Street, Brooksville, FL 34601

Office 352.754.4060

Direct 352.540.6563

Cell 352.540.0428

Email LBorgesib@co.hernando.fl.us

www.HernandoCounty.us



From: [Laura A. Borgesi](#)
To: [Erin Briggs](#)
Subject: FW: Reference for Gresham Smith
Date: Tuesday, November 5, 2024 5:11:27 PM
Attachments: [image005.png](#)

See below.



Laura A. Borgesi, PE, PSM, MPA

Traffic Engineer
Hernando County Public Works – Engineering Division
1525 E. Jefferson Street, Brooksville, FL 34601
Office 352.754.4060
Direct 352.540.6563
Cell 352.540.0428
Email LBorgesi@co.hernando.fl.us
www.HernandoCounty.us



From: Henry, Alex <Alex.Henry@dot.state.fl.us>
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2024 8:41 AM
To: Laura A. Borgesi <LBorgesi@co.hernando.fl.us>
Subject: RE: Reference for Gresham Smith

CAUTION: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Laura, Please see below. I highly recommend this company (Especially if Devin Barrs is on the team). I have changed the template or asked for things a different way based on my meetings. I never hear a complaint. They seem to understand and it gets done.

1. Describe the work contracted to firm/company.

Gresham Smith is contracted to evaluate corridors, determine appropriate context classifications, and determine target speed based on land uses and roadway characteristics. Gresham Smith also prepares desktop safety reviews, reviews access management reports, and recommends safety improvements such as mid-block crosswalks, access management modifications, and street light evaluations. The Safety System Approach and local knowledge are used to solve long-standing safety issues in the district.

2. Was the work completed on time?

Yes

3. Were you satisfied with the final results?

Yes, we go over everything they recommend with multiple cost center managers and they will possibly change some of the recommendations based on opinions, not quality of work.

4. Did you implement their recommendations?

Based on the cycle and funding, as many recommendations that have been made will be implemented

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 _____ 5 _____
-
Qualifications _____ 5 _____
Final Product _____ 5 _____
Cooperation _____ 5 _____
Reliability _____ 5 _____
-

7. Would you contract with this company again?

Yes _____ X _____ No _____ Maybe _____



Alex Henry
Planning, Multimodal Project Manager
(813) 975-6772
Florida Department of Transportation, District 7
11201 N. McKinley Dr. Tampa, FL 33612
Office Hours: 6:30am-3:00pm

From: Laura A. Borgesi <LBorgesi@co.hernando.fl.us>

Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2024 8:28 AM

To: Henry, Alex <Alex.Henry@dot.state.fl.us>

Subject: Reference for Gresham Smith

EXTERNAL SENDER: Use caution with links and attachments.

Alex,

Hernando County is in the process of checking references for Gresham Smith in an effort to award a Public Works Department Continuing Traffic Engineering Services Contract.

Could you take a moment and provide a reference utilizing the reference check items below?

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Best Regards,
Laura



Laura A. Borgesi, PE, PSM, MPA

Traffic Engineer

Hernando County Public Works – Engineering Division

1525 E. Jefferson Street, Brooksville, FL 34601

Office 352.754.4060

Direct 352.540.6563

Cell 352.540.0428

Email LBorgesi@co.hernando.fl.us

www.HernandoCounty.us



REFERENCE

-

23-RFQ00414/CR

Continuing Traffic Engineering Services

Reference For (Firm/Company): Gresham Smith

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

Company Name: FDOT District 7

First Name, Last Name: Alex Henry

PHONE #: 813-975-6772

Email: Alex.Henry@dot.state.fl.us

1. Describe the work contracted to firm/company.

Gresham Smith is contracted to evaluate corridors, determine appropriate context classifications, and determine target speed based on land uses and roadway characteristics. Gresham Smith also prepares desktop safety reviews, reviews access management reports, and recommends safety improvements such as mid-block crosswalks, access management modifications, and street light evaluations. The Safety System Approach and local knowledge are used to solve long-standing safety issues in the district.

2. Was the work completed on time?

3. Were you satisfied with the final results?

4. Did you implement their recommendations?

5. Did you encounter any problems?

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

Professionalism _____

Qualifications _____

Final Product _____

Cooperation _____

Reliability _____

7. Would you contract with this company again?

Yes _____

No _____

Maybe _____



Laura A. Borgesi, PE, PSM, MPA

Traffic Engineer

Hernando County Public Works – Engineering Division

1525 E. Jefferson Street, Brooksville, FL 34601

Office 352.754.4060

Direct 352.540.6563

Cell 352.540.0428

Email LBorgesi@co.hernando.fl.us

www.HernandoCounty.us



From: [Laura A. Borgesi](#)
To: [Erin Briggs](#)
Subject: FW: Reference for Gresham Smith
Date: Tuesday, November 5, 2024 5:11:52 PM
Attachments: [image005.png](#)

See below.



Laura A. Borgesi, PE, PSM, MPA

Traffic Engineer

Hernando County Public Works – Engineering Division

1525 E. Jefferson Street, Brooksville, FL 34601

Office 352.754.4060

Direct 352.540.6563

Cell 352.540.0428

Email LBorgesi@co.hernando.fl.us

www.HernandoCounty.us



From: Guthrie, Jo Ellyn <JoEllyn.Guthrie@dot.state.fl.us>
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2024 9:11 AM
To: Laura A. Borgesi <LBorgesi@co.hernando.fl.us>
Subject: RE: Reference for Gresham Smith

CAUTION: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Responses below.

Respectfully,

Jo Ellyn M. Guthrie, P.E.
Traffic Services Program Engineer
District 7 – Traffic Operations



11201 North McKinley Drive
Tampa, FL 33612
JoEllyn.Guthrie@dot.state.fl.us
(813) 975-6245
(813) 975-6278 Fax

M–Th 6:30 am – 5 pm

From: Laura A. Borgesi <LBorgesi@co.hernando.fl.us>

Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2024 8:24 AM

To: Guthrie, Jo Ellyn <JoEllyn.Guthrie@dot.state.fl.us>

Subject: Reference for Gresham Smith

EXTERNAL SENDER: Use caution with links and attachments.

Jo Ellyn,

Hernando County is in the process of checking references for Gresham Smith in an effort to award a Public Works Department Continuing Traffic Engineering Services Contract.

Could you take a moment and provide a reference utilizing the reference check items below?

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Best Regards,
Laura



Laura A. Borgesi, PE, PSM, MPA

Traffic Engineer

Hernando County Public Works – Engineering Division

1525 E. Jefferson Street, Brooksville, FL 34601

Office 352.754.4060

Direct 352.540.6563

Cell 352.540.0428

Email LBorgesi@co.hernando.fl.us

www.HernandoCounty.us



REFERENCE

-

23-RFQ00414/CR

Continuing Traffic Engineering Services

Reference For (Firm/Company): Gresham Smith

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

Company Name: FDOT District 7

First Name, Last Name: Jo Ellyn M. Guthrie

PHONE #: 813-975-6169

Email: JoEllyn.Guthrie@dot.state.fl.us

1. Describe the work contracted to firm/company.

Gresham Smith is contracted to conduct traffic engineering safety studies and provide engineering services for access management in FDOT District 7. The study type is composite, focusing on crashes at median openings and driveways. The studies include traffic signal warrant analysis, intersection delay analysis, traffic counts, intersection inventory, crash analysis, travel time and delay studies, qualitative assessment of intersections, weave analysis, trip generation studies, bike and pedestrian studies, access management studies, and project cost-benefit ratio and net present value evaluation of crash reduction benefits.

2. Was the work completed on time?

Gresham Smith has worked with the traffic operations department for many years and this firm is extremely good at conducting engineering safety studies. Our primary request is the review of corridors for access management with recommendations for changes to meet our standards which includes review of crashes and spacing. All work has been completed on time.

3. Were you satisfied with the final results?

The department is satisfied with the final results.

4. Did you implement their recommendations?

Implementation of the recommendations is often included in upcoming work program projects. In general, the recommendations are implemented.

5. Did you encounter any problems?

We have not encountered any problems working with Gresham Smith.

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 _____



Laura A. Borgesi, PE, PSM, MPA

Traffic Engineer

Hernando County Public Works – Engineering Division

1525 E. Jefferson Street, Brooksville, FL 34601

Office 352.754.4060

Direct 352.540.6563

Cell 352.540.0428

Email LBorges@co.hernando.fl.us

www.HernandoCounty.us





DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

ENGINEERING ♦ FACILITIES ♦ REAL PROPERTY ♦ ROADS/BRIDGES ♦ STORMWATER ♦ TRAFFIC ♦ TRANSIT

1525 EAST JEFFERSON STREET ♦ BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA 34601
P 352.754.4060 ♦ F 352.754.4423 ♦ W www.HernandoCounty.us

MEMORANDUM

TO: Erin Kluis Briggs, Procurement Coordinator – Special Projects

THRU: D. Todd Crosby, P.E., Assistant County Engineer *dlc*

FROM: Laura A. Borgesi, P.E., DPW Traffic Engineer *lab*

DATE: November 5, 2024

SUBJECT: 23-RFQ00414/CR - Reference for Gresham Smith

On December 4, 2023, The Procurement Selection Committee (PSC) evaluated proposals for RFQ No. 23-RFQ00414/CR for Continuing Traffic Engineering Services for the Department of Public Works. Gresham Smith was selected as one of the top six ranked firms for award of the Continuing Traffic Engineering Services Contract.

Multiple attempts by telephone and email were made to contact Tammy Melchi, Engineering Specialist at FDOT District 3, without any response.

Staff requests the Procurement Department move forward with the award to Gresham Smith with the two references received from FDOT District 7 from Alex Henry and Jo Ellyn Guthrie, PE.