



Board of County Commissioners

Meeting: 04/14/20 09:00 AM
Department: Purchasing & Contracts
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AGENDA ITEM

Initiator: James Wunderle
DOC ID: 16817 C
Legal Request Number: 2019-346
Bid/Contract Number: 19-R00110/PH

TITLE

Award of Contract to Mason Blau & Associates, Inc., for Architectural and Engineering Services for Judicial Renovations (Contract No. 19-R00110/PH)

BRIEF OVERVIEW

On January 28, 2019 and on May 14, 2018 Chief Judge S. Sue Robbins issued formal letters to the Chairman. Her Honor has stated that "The Courts of Hernando County have recently experienced dramatic growth in filings and actions." The Fifth Judicial Circuit Judges have expressed its on-going need to County Administration to acquire office space currently occupied by the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) at the Hernando Government Complex. After further discussion, it has been determined that architectural designs are needed to move forward with the proposed changes to the Government Center to meet Judicial's growing needs.

On June 26, 2019, the Purchasing and Contracts Department issued a Request for Qualifications, RFQ No. 19-R00110/PH, for Architectural and Engineering Services for the Judicial Renovations project. The term of the resulting contract is for thirty-six months or through construction completion, whichever is greater. The County intends to award one (1) contract to the highest ranked proposing firm.

Two (2) proposals were received on the opening date of August 8, 2019, from the following firms (in alphabetical order):

- Mason Blau & Associates, Inc. - Clearwater, FL
- Suncoast Architectural Studios - Spring Hill, FL

A Professional Services Review Committee (PSRC) comprised of Daniel B. Merritt, Jr., Chief Judge; Todd Tuzzolino, Chief Deputy, Court Administration; Scott Herring, P.E., Director of Public Works; Jim Friedrichs, Building Official; and Erik van de Boogaard, President, Construction Genes, LLC met on September 4, 2019, to review and rank the two (2) written proposals. The selection process was conducted using the guidelines set forth in Section 287.055, Florida Statutes. This statute only permits "negotiation of fees" or "project costs" as a part of the negotiation process (i.e., after the firms have been ranked).

The PSRC consensus scoring actions resulted in a short list of the two (2) firms in highest ranking order:

FIRM NAME	TOTAL AVG. POINTS (0-100)
Mason Blau & Associates, Inc.	90.60
Suncoast Architectural Studios	61.40

Staff entered into negotiations for RFQ No. 19-R00110/PH with Mason Blau & Associates, Inc., and has successfully completed negotiations and brings recommendation of award for Board approval.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

To utilize Court Improvement Funds in the amount of \$1,698,345.80 for design and construction plans. Funding in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 is available in Account 1481-02311-5636240 (Court Improvement Fund-Bldgs-Judicial). The remaining funding will be available with approval of attached budget amendment transferring funds from contingency reserves Account 1481-02311-5909910 (Court Improvement Fund-Contingency Reserves) to cover the remaining fee of \$198,345.80.

LEGAL NOTE

The Board has the authority to take the recommended action pursuant to Part II, Chapter 2, Article V of the Hernando County Code of Ordinances.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Board approve award of Contract No. 19-R00110/PH for Architectural and Engineering Services for the Judicial Upgrades Project to Mason Blau & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$1,698,345.80, authorize the Chairman's signature on the related documents and authorize the Chief Procurement Officer to approve change orders as they become necessary and required with proper supporting evidence.

REVIEW PROCESS

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RESULT: **ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: Steve Champion, Commissioner

SECONDER: Wayne Dukes, Second Vice Chair

AYES: Mitten, Allocco, Dukes, Champion, Holcomb