

NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR BID

Polk County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, is soliciting bids for the following: **BID #25-418, Maine Ave Sidewalk from Combee Rd to Park St & Iowa Rd to Wanda Way**

A **MANDATORY** pre-bid meeting will be held Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at the Polk County Administration building, located at 330 W. Church St, Procurement Conference Room, Bartow, FL 33830. An authorized representative or agent of the Bidder must be present at this meeting in person, as evidenced by their signature on the meeting's sign-in sheet, or the Bidder's bid will be considered non-responsive.

Bid packages may be obtained from the Procurement Division, 330 West Church Street, Room 150, Bartow, Florida, 33830, (863) 534-6757 or downloaded from our website at <https://www.polk-county.net/business/procurement/>. Respondents must submit one (1) original copy of the bid submittal prior to 2:00 p.m. on the bid receiving date. Bids must be submitted in a "sealed" parcel. Bids will be publicly opened at 2:00 p.m. on receiving date.

To obtain a copy of the specifications and drawings please go the following FTP site: <https://ftp3.polk-county.net>, you will be prompted for a User ID and Password. The User ID is *procurevendor* and the password is *solicitation*. After you have logged in to the FTP site, double click on the file folder "**Bid 25-418, Maine Ave Sidewalk.zip**", select "Open" or "Save As" to download the Bid documents, drawings, and technical specifications. If you need assistance accessing this website due to ADA or any other reason, please email Ken Brush at kenbrush@polk-county.net.

Respondents must submit one (1) original copy of the bid submittal prior to 2:00 p.m. on the bid receiving date. Bids must be submitted in a "sealed" parcel. Bids will be publicly opened and read at 2:00 p.m. on receiving date.

Scope of Work: The scope of work is to construct approximately 0.58 miles of ADA-compliant sidewalk in order to establish a continuous pedestrian path along Maine Avenue between Combee Road and Reynolds Road. This improvement will provide safe and functional access to the Oscar J. Pope Elementary School on the north side of Maine Avenue in Lakeland, Florida. This project is federally funded with assistance from the FDOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). By submitting a response, the Bidder certifies that they are in compliance with FDOT Procedure No. 375-030-006 (Restriction on Consultants Eligibility to Compete for Department Contracts) and that no principle is presently suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation on this transaction by any Federal Department or Agency

The construction cost estimate for the project is \$3,100,293.00.

The number of days to complete the project are 255 days.

Qualification Requirements: The prime contractor or subcontractors shall be on the Current List of FDOT Prequalified Contractors in the following work classes: Drainage (7), Pavement Marking (28); Sidewalk, Driveways, Curbs, Retaining Wall (40).

Prime contractor must have been in business under the same name or EIN number for a minimum of 3 years.

Bidders must possess a Polk County Local Business Tax Receipt (f/k/a Business License) in order to do business with the County. A copy of such license must be provided to the Procurement Division before award is made to the successful bidder.

Contractor shall submit a reference list of at least three (3) completed project similar in scope within the last five (5) years that reflects similar work performed. The list shall include: the project description, project address, current contact person, telephone number, and e-mail address. References should be submitted with the Bid or must be submitted by the successful vendor within five (5) business days of request and before award.

Percentage of Work: The prime contractor shall perform a minimum of 51% of all work contained within the scope of work as outlined in the bid documents and special conditions, with the exception of signalization. This percentage of work requirement does not include the furnishing of materials or equipment in the construction, if not installed by the primary contractor.

Receiving Date: Prior to 2:00 pm. Wednesday, September 10, 2025, NO EXCEPTIONS

BID OPENING: Bidders may attend the Bid Opening in person or via conference call by dialing (646) 558-8656 and enter Meeting ID: 327 647 2818. A listing of all bidders will be posted to Procurement's website as soon as possible after bid opening.

QUESTIONS: Questions regarding this bid should be in writing and should reference the above Bid. Submit all questions to Ken Brush, Procurement Contract Manager, via email at kenbrush@polk-county.net or via fax at (863) 534-6789 by 4:00 p.m. Monday, August 25, 2025.

Special Instructions: The County hereby notifies all Bidders that Women/Minority Business Enterprise firms are to be afforded a full opportunity to participate in any bid by the County and will not be subject to discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex or national origin. It is asked that Bidders make good faith efforts to use qualified W/MBE subcontractors in preparing their bid. Bidders are encouraged to contact the Office of Supplier Diversity at (863) 534-5959 for assistance or visit our website at: <http://vendordirectory.polk-county.net/default.aspx?id=0>

STATEMENT OF NO BID
BID #25-418

If submitting a "NO BID", Bidder shall return this form to the Polk County Board of County Commissioners Procurement Division, 330 West Church Street, Room 150, Bartow, Florida 33830; or fax it to (863) 534-6789.

We have declined to bid on the above-mentioned bid for the following reasons (Please Circle all that apply):

Specifications too "restrictive."

Insufficient time to respond to invitation for bid

Do not offer this product/service

Our schedule would not permit us to perform

Unable to meet specifications

Unable to meet bond/insurance requirements

Specifications unclear

Other (please specify): _____

Company Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Date: _____