

## NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR BID

Polk County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, is soliciting bids for the following: **BID #26-003, Rock Ridge Rd Bridge Replacement**

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 26-003, Rock Ridge Rd Bridge Replacement.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](mailto:kenbrush@polk-county.net).

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### Scope of Work:

Description: The project includes the construction of a new 40 FT Geosynthetic Reinforced Soil (GRS) Integrated Bridge System (IBS) single span over Rock Ridge Ditch along Rock Ridge Road, in Lakeland. The construction of immediate approaches to the bridge and improvements to the adjacent ditches and driveways. Existing utilities will be required to relocate and/or adjust as needed.

Location: From Bartow head North on Broadway Ave/US-98 N for 13 miles. Next, turn right on N Florida Ave/US 98 N for 10.9 miles. Finally, turn east onto Rock Ridge Road and go 0.8 miles. All distances are approximate.

Scope of Work: Work includes, but is not limited to, bridge construction, roadway construction including erosion control, clearing and grubbing, excavation, embankment, stabilization, curb, drainage, retaining walls, and maintenance of traffic.

Estimated construction cost is \$2,121,000.00 with 180 days until final completion.

### Qualification Requirements:

The prime contractor or subcontractors shall be on the **Current List of FDOT Prequalified Contractors** in the following work classes: Minor Bridges; Drainage; Pavement Marking; Roadway; signing.

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

The Successful bidder must possess or purchase a Polk County Local Business Tax Receipt (f/k/a Business License) to do business with the County. A copy of such license or proof of purchase must be provided to the Procurement Division prior to award being made.

Contractor must provide 3 references from clients in which the bidder has successfully completed projects similar in scope as the prime bidder, within the past 5 years.

Percentage of Work: The prime contractor shall perform a minimum of 40% 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.

Liquidated Damages: Applicable liquidated damages are the amounts established in FDOT Specification 8-10.2 Amount of Liquidated Damages.

**Receiving Date:** Prior to 2:00 pm, Wednesday, November 5, 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 Contracts Manager, via email at [kenbrush@polk-county.net](mailto:kenbrush@polk-county.net) or via fax at (863) 534-6789 by 4:00 p.m. Friday, October 24, 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 #26-003**

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: \_\_\_\_\_