

NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR BID

Polk County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, is soliciting bids for the following: **BID # 26-041, LAKELAND HILLS EMS STATION**

A **MANDATORY** pre-bid will be held Tuesday, November 4, 2025, 11:00 a.m. at the Polk County Administration building, located at 330 W. Church St, First Floor, Procurement Conference Room 150, Bartow, FL 33830. **A MANDATORY site visit will immediately follow** at 650 E Robson Street, Lakeland, FL 33805. An authorized representative or agent of the Bidder must be present at this meeting, as evidenced by their signature on the meeting's sign-in sheet, or the Bidder's Submittal will be considered non-responsive.

To obtain a copy of the bid package, surveys, 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 26-041, Bid Attachments**", 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 Tabatha Shirah at tabathashirah@polk-county.net.

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 FTP site. Bids must be submitted in a "sealed" parcel or may be submitted electronically. Bids will be publicly opened and read at 2:00 p.m. on receiving date.

Scope of Work: Construction of a new fire rescue station with the capacity to house emergency medical services apparatus and six (6) personnel. In accordance with the drawings and specifications found on the FTP site. The construction cost estimate for the project is \$3,495,491.00

Qualification Requirements: Contractor must be licensed in the State of Florida as Certified Building Contractor (CBC) or General Contractor (GC) and shall have experience in completing at least three similar projects within the past five years. The contract time for this project is a total of 365 calendar days from Notice to Proceed for final completion.

Receiving Date: Prior to 2:00 pm, Wednesday, December 3, 2025.

BID OPENING: Bidders may attend the Bid Opening via conference call by dialing (646) 558-8656 and enter Meeting ID: 327 647 2818. Vendors that want to attend in person may do so in compliance with safe COVID 19 practices. 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 Tabatha Shirah, Senior Procurement Analyst, via email at tabathashirah@polk-county.net by 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 19, 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: <https://vcl.polk.one/vendorsdirectory>

**STATEMENT OF NO BID
BID #26-041**

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: _____