

## NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR BID

Polk County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, is soliciting bids for the following: **BID #25-420, Thompson Nursery Road Extension Phase 1 – Segment 1**

A **MANDATORY** pre-bid meeting will be held Tuesday, December 9, 2025, 9:00 a.m. in the Roads and Drainage conference room, located at 3000 Sheffield Road, Winter Haven, FL 33880. 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 25-420, Thompson Nursery Road.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:** The project consists of the Thompson Nursery Road extension in Winter Haven, Florida. The limits of construction begin at SR 540 and US 17 and extend 1.9 miles to the southeast and ends south of Rifle Range Road (CR 655) and Eloise Loop Rd.

The construction cost estimate for the project is \$44,351,450.00

Construction time to complete this project is 1,033 calendar days

### **Qualification Requirements:**

The prime contractor or subcontractors shall be on the **Current List of FDOT Prequalified Contractors** in the following work classes: Drainage; Flexible Paving; Grading; Guardrail; Pavement Marking; Roadway Signing; Traffic Signal; Hot Plant-Mixed Bituminous Courses; Electrical Work; and Sidewalk.

Contractor must have been in business under the same name or EIN number for a minimum of 5 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 three (3) references from clients in which the bidder has successfully completed projects similar in scope as the prime bidder, within the past ten (10) years. Each reference should include:

- Name of the client
- Address of the client
- Contact person to include:
- Phone number and email address

- Brief description of the project.
- Project address
- Date project completed.
- List of all subcontractors used for project.

References should be submitted with the Bid or must be submitted by the apparent lowest responsive bidder within three (3) business days of request and prior to award. The County reserves the right to contact and verify all references provided.

**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. 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 will be assessed at the amount of \$10,244.00 plus 0.005% of any amount over \$40 million (round to the nearest whole dollar) per calendar day as authorized by Florida Statutes Section 337.18(2) shall be assessed.

**Receiving Date:** Prior to 2:00 pm. Wednesday, January 14, 2026, 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. Monday, December 22, 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 #25-420**

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: \_\_\_\_\_