



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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### **Subject:**

Ranking of firms and agreement with WSP USA, Inc. for engineering, planning, and environmental services for the Forest Lakes Boulevard Phase III Widening Preliminary Engineering Report.

### **Recommended Action:**

Approval of the ranking of firms and agreement with the number one ranked firm WSP USA, Inc. for engineering, planning, and environmental services for the Forest Lakes Boulevard Phase III Widening Preliminary Engineering Report.

- The contract is for engineering services to develop the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER), with the option for final design services of the improvements for Forest Lakes Boulevard Phase III Widening from SR 580 to SR 584 (Tampa Road).
- Eight firms submitted with the award recommendation to the number one ranked firm WSP USA, Inc. in the negotiated amount of \$458,963.71, in accordance with the Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act, per Florida Statute 287.055.
- The PER award of this project contains an overall Small Business Enterprise (SBE) commitment of 2.66% with SBE receiving approx. 2.14% and Florida Acquisition & Appraisal receiving 0.52% of the award amount. If WSP USA, Inc. continues with the design phase of this project, they will be able to incorporate additional SBE utilization.

Contract No. 21-0004-NC (SS), in the amount of \$458,963.71 for 270 consecutive calendar days from the notice to proceed date. Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

### **Strategic Plan:**

Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

2.1 Provide planning, coordination, prevention, and protective services to ensure a safe and secure community.

Foster Continual Economic Growth and Vitality

4.4 Invest in infrastructure to meet current and future needs

4.5 Provide safe and effective transportation systems to support the efficient flow of motorists, commerce, and regional connectivity

4.6 Support a vibrant community with recreation, arts, and culture to attract residents and visitors

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.1 Maximize partner relationships and public outreach

5.2 Be responsible stewards of the public's resources

5.3 Ensure effective and efficient delivery of county services and support

**Summary:**

The overall objective is to prepare a preliminary engineering report (PER) with option for final design of the improvements that will include plans, specifications, supporting engineering analysis, calculations, and other technical documents. The PER will include an evaluation of existing conditions, Geotechnical Evaluation, Traffic Data Collection and Analysis, Safety Analysis, along with review of impacts including Utilities and Railroad, Cost, Roadway Engineering, and Drainage Analysis. The PER will consider the County's five factors: Alternative Routes and Design Concept, Safety/Utilities, Environmental, Cost, and Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Consistency.

Final Design is not included in this scope of services. Upon completion of PER, if the County decides to proceed to the final design phase, an amendment to the contract will be considered.

**Background Information:**

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to comply with CCNA, per Florida Statute 287.055, was released on November 6, 2020; the negotiation and scoping process concluded October 6, 2021.

A total not to exceed amount of \$458,963.71 is recommended for award to WSP USA, Inc., for the described services associated with the Forest Lakes Boulevard Phase III from SR 580 to Tampa Road Preliminary Engineering Report.

A contingency amount of \$100,000.00 is also included for unforeseen circumstances that may arise during development of the project and will only be used at the discretion and approval of the County. Unforeseen additional work could result from initial geotechnical investigation, initial stormwater and water quality investigation for the project, etc. The contingency will also allow the County to start with the final design stage, if decided to do so, while working on amending the contract. This will allow for minimizing the time gap between the PER and final design phases.

The firms in order of ranking are attached on the ranking spreadsheet

**Fiscal Impact:**

Total contract amount:       \$458,963.71

The Forest Lakes Boulevard Phase III Widening Preliminary Engineering Report will be funded from the Local Infrastructure Sales Tax (Penny for Pinellas IV).

**Staff Member Responsible:**

Kelli Hammer Levy, Director, Public Works  
Merry Celeste, Division Director, Purchasing & Risk, Administrative Services  
Joe Lauro, Director, Administrative Services

**Partners:**

N/A

**Attachments:**

Final Negotiated Agreement  
Ranking Spreadsheet  
Location Map