

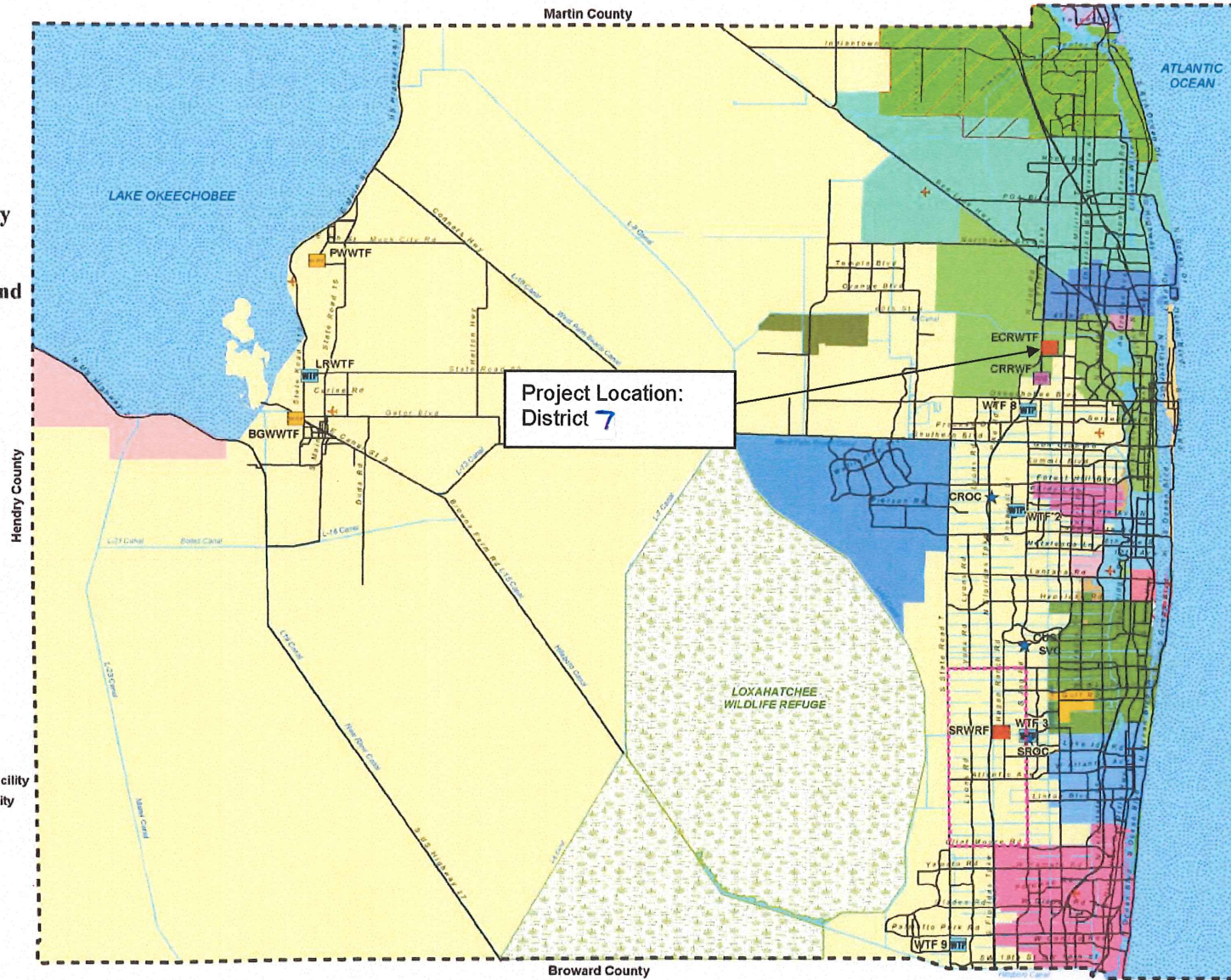






**Palm Beach County  
Water Utilities  
Department  
Service Area (SA) and  
Major Facilities**

- Legend**
- ★ Administration
  - WTF Water Treatment Facility
  - Reclamation Facility
  - Wastewater Reclamation Facility
  - Wastewater Treatment Facility
  - Mandatory Reclaimed SA
  - Palm Beach County Limits
  - P.B.C.W.U.D. Service Area



# Inter-Office Memorandum

Palm Beach County



Water Utilities Department

**DATE:** April 23, 2015

**TO:** Jim Stiles  
Director

**FROM:** Maurice Tobon, P.E. *MT*  
Director of Engineering

**RE:** Notice of Award Recommendation  
ECRWRF Reclaimed Office and Storage Building  
Project No. WUD 13-061

The bid opening for the above referenced project was held on Wednesday, March 25, 2015. Proposals were received from five (5) contractors. The complete Bid Tabulation is attached. The engineer's opinion of probable construction cost was \$535,000 for Bid Item Number 1 and \$23,000 for Alternate Bid Items 1 through 5. An evaluation of the low and second low bid is as follows:

1. The first low bidder, West Construction, Inc., provided properly executed Bid Forms in the Contract Documents. The second low bidder, Ralph Della-Piarta, Inc., provided properly executed Bid Forms in the Contract Documents.
2. Bid security equal to 5% of the total base bid was enclosed with the bid for both low bidders.
3. The first and second low bidders hold valid state contractor's licenses. A copy of the license information is included.
4. The first and second low bidders, West Construction, Inc. and Ralph Della-Piarta, Inc. are local businesses and have submitted the required documentation. (see attached Palm Beach County Tax Collector receipts).
5. SBE-M/WBE Schedules #1 and #2 were provided from both low bidders. The first low bidder did not meet the SBE goal per the attached SBE Compliance review. The second low bidder has met the 15% SBE goal established under the SBE Ordinance and is within the 10% SBE ranking. See attached SBE-M/WBE compliance review stating Ralph Della-Piarta, Inc. has met the SBE goal for this project.
6. The County Attorney (CAO) has reviewed the bid and Bid Review Comments for the two lowest bids. (see attached Bid Review Comments and email).

As a result of this evaluation we recommend Ralph Della-Piarta, Inc. as the successful, responsive, low bidder. An award recommendation from Mathews Consulting, the design engineer is also attached. Contract award is recommended to the second responsive bidder in the base bid amount not to exceed \$629,954.00 subject to formal approval by the Board of County Commissioners. A copy of this notice has been emailed to all bidders and posted at the bid opening location and will be left there for a minimum of five (5) business days.

BID TABULATION - March 25, 2015

Project No.: WUD 13-061 – Project Name: ECRWRF Reclaimed Office & Storage Building

BASE BID				West Construction, Inc.		Ralph Della-Pietra, Inc.		Close Construction, LLC		Carrick Contracting Corp.		Anatom Construction Co.	
NO.	BID ITEM	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
1	Reclaimed Office and Storage Building as defined in the Contract Documents	1	Lump Sum	\$ 594,640.00	\$ 594,640.00	\$ 629,954.00	\$ 629,954.00	\$ 643,917.00	\$ 643,917.00	\$ 664,899.00	\$ 664,899.00	\$ 695,331.00	\$ 695,331.00
TOTAL BID PRICE					\$ 594,640.00		\$ 629,954.00		\$ 643,917.00		\$ 664,899.00		\$ 695,331.00

ADDITIVE ALTERNATES:

NO.	BID ITEM	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
1	Alternate #1 – Add casework in breakroom	1	Lump Sum	\$ 3,899.00	\$ 3,899.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
2	Alternate #2 – Chainlink fence & gates at warehouse	1	Lump Sum	\$ 8,512.00	\$ 8,512.00	\$ 7,300.00	\$ 7,300.00	\$ 5,250.00	\$ 5,250.00	\$ 3,160.00	\$ 3,160.00	\$ 6,100.00	\$ 6,100.00
3	Alternate #3 – CCTV security System CAT 6 cable and patch panel	1	Lump Sum	\$ 968.00	\$ 968.00	\$ 632.00	\$ 632.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 620.00	\$ 620.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
4	Alternate #4 – LED light fixtures in warehouse	1	Lump Sum	\$ 1,915.00	\$ 1,915.00	\$ 2,274.00	\$ 2,274.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 1,725.00	\$ 1,725.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
5	Alternate #5 – Asphalt pavement on shellrock driveway	600	SY	\$ 24.13	\$ 14,478.00	\$ 18.50	\$ 11,100.00	\$ 32.00	\$ 19,200.00	\$ 54.45	\$ 32,670.00	\$ 26.83	\$ 16,100.00
TOTAL ALTERNATES PRICE					\$ 29,772.00		\$ 23,906.00		\$ 37,350.00		\$ 39,675.00		\$ 30,200.00



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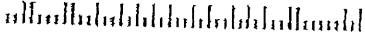
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 JUPITER, FL 33458

TYPE OF BUSINESS	OWNER	CERTIFICATION #	RECEIPT #/DATE PAID	AMT PAID	DTEL #
23-0051 GENERAL CONTRACTOR	DELLA-PIETRA RALPH	CGC051921	814.1654915 - 09/26/14	\$27.50	810109574

This document is valid only when receipted by the Tax Collector's Office.

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RALPH DELLA-PIETRA INC  
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 880 JUPITER PARK DR STE 13  
 JUPITER, FL 33458-8902



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 PALM BEACH COUNTY  
 2014/2015 LOCAL BUSINESS TAX RECEIPT

LBTR Number: 200201293  
 EXPIRES: SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

This receipt grants the privilege of engaging in or managing any business profession or occupation within its jurisdiction and MUST be conspicuously displayed at the place of business, and in such a manner as to be open to the view of the public.



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2<sup>nd</sup> Low Bidder: Ralph Della-Pietra, Inc.  
880 Jupiter Pk. Dr.#13  
Jupiter, FL 33458  
Phone: 561-745-8555  
Bid Amount: \$629,954.00  
Goal: 15% Overall  
Goal Achieved: 27.66%

SBE Participation:  
(SB)Ralph Della-Pietra, Inc. \$174,263.00 27.66%  
\$174,263.00 27.66%

3rd Low Bidder: Close Construction, LLC  
301 NW 4th Ave  
Okeechobee, Fl. 33972  
Phone: 863-467-0831  
Bid Amount: \$643,917.00  
Goal: 15% Overall  
Goal Achieved: 0%

SBE Participation:  
<sup>2</sup>(SB)Walker Design & Const. \$134,750.00 \$ 0  
\$ 0%

**Diana Rivera**

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**From:** Diana Rivera  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2015 9:15 AM  
**To:** Michael W. Jones; Barbara Wheeler  
**Cc:** Hassan Hadjimiry; Maurice Tobon; Steve McGrew; Irwin Jacobowitz; Ali Bayat  
**Subject:** RE: Bid Review for ECRWRF Reclaimed Office & Storage Bldg. Project (WUD 13-061)

Yes, that is correct.

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**From:** Michael W. Jones [<mailto:MJones@pbcgov.org>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2015 9:15 AM  
**To:** Diana Rivera; Barbara Wheeler  
**Cc:** Hassan Hadjimiry; Maurice Tobon; Steve McGrew; Irwin Jacobowitz; Ali Bayat  
**Subject:** RE: Bid Review for ECRWRF Reclaimed Office & Storage Bldg. Project (WUD 13-061)

No issues with the two low bidders. I assume the recommended awardee is Ralph Della-Pietra, Inc., due to the application of the SBE preference.

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**From:** Diana Rivera [<mailto:drivera@pbcwater.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2015 4:43 PM  
**To:** Michael W. Jones; Barbara Wheeler  
**Cc:** Hassan Hadjimiry; Maurice Tobon; Steve McGrew; Irwin Jacobowitz; Ali Bayat  
**Subject:** Bid Review for ECRWRF Reclaimed Office & Storage Bldg. Project (WUD 13-061)

Michael and Barbara,  
Please see the attached CAO Memo and files for the bid review of project WUD 13-061 – ECRWRF Reclaimed Office & Storage Bldg. Project.

The two apparent low bidders are Ralph Della-Pietra, Inc. and West Construction, Inc.

Please advise if additional information is needed.

Diana Rivera, P.E.  
Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department  
8100 Forest Hill Boulevard  
West Palm Beach, FL 33413

Phone: (561) 493-6117  
Fax: (561) 493-6113  
Email: [drivera@pbcwater.com](mailto:drivera@pbcwater.com)

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**ECR Reclaimed Office and Storage Building**

**West Construction, Inc., 1318 S. Dixie Hwy, Ste 4-5, Lake Worth 33460 / 561-588-2027**

**Ralph Della-Pietra, Inc., 880 Jupiter Park Dr. #13, Jupiter 33458 / 561-745-7468**

**Close Construction LLC, 301 NW 4th Ave., Okeechobee, FL 34972 / 863-467-0831**

PROJECT No.: WUD-13-061

Base Bid      \$594,640.00                      \$629,954.00                      \$643,917.00

PROJECT MANAGER: Diana Rivera, P. E.  
DATE: March 25, 2015

**Bid Tabulation**

Is the Bid Tabulation correct

Yes	No	N/A	Yes	No	N/A	Yes	No	N/A
X			X			X		

**Bid Evaluation**

Is the bid unbalanced

	X			X			X	
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**Is the Bidder Responsive**

Was the bid received, opened and accepted at the time and place set forth in the invitation for bids

X			X			X		
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Bid package contains all required Attachments and Correct Bid Forms used

X			X			X		
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Acknowledge receipt of all addenda

X			X			X		
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Palm Beach County Contractor's Registration/License numbers or State of Florida Contractor's Certification/Registration listed on the bid form

X			X			X		
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Bid amount(s) match and free of computational errors (any such errors must be noted) requires any clarifications (any such clarifications must be noted)

X			X			X		
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**Is the Bidder Responsible:**

*The bidder must have adequate financial resources to perform the contract, or the ability to obtain them, necessary to indicate its capability to meet all contractual requirements.*

Bid used PBC Bid Bond Form

X			X			X		
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Bid Security Amount 5%

X			X			X		
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Certified Power of Attorney with Bid Bond

X			X			X		
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Surety licensed to operate in FL & bonding limit acceptable

X			X			X		
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*The bidder must have a satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics including satisfactory compliance with laws related to taxes, labor and employment, environment, antitrust, and consumer protection*

GC is suspended from doing business with State of FL

	X			X			X	
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Subs suspended from doing business with State of FL

	X			X			X	
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GC Delinquent on Local PBC Business Tax (See PPM CW-F-066 pg 3 #38)

	X			X			X	
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GC is a Scrutinized Company with State of FL

	X			X			X	
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Subs are a Scrutinized Company with State of FL

	X			X			X	
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**ECR Reclaimed Office and Storage Building**

PROJECT No.: WUD 13-061

**West Construction, Inc., 1318 S. Dixie Hwy, Ste 4-5, Lake Worth 33460 / 561-588-2027**

**Ralph Della-Pietra, Inc., 880 Jupiter Park Dr. #13, Jupiter 33458 / 561-745-7468**

**Close Construction LLC, 301 NW 4th Ave., Okeechobee, FL 34972 / 863-467-0831**

Base Bid \$594,640.00

\$629,954.00

\$643,917.00

If Yes to both above, then: SBE preference is awarded to next low bidder responsive to SBE rqmt.

Yes	No	N/A

**Is Bid > \$1M?**

Is the next low bid responsive to SBE rqmt.?  
excess of \$1,000,000?

Yes	No	N/A
	X	

If Yes to both above, then: SBE preference is awarded to next low bidder responsive to SBE rqmt.

**If there are no Bidders that are responsive to SBE requirement then:**

Is the SBE participation > 7%?  
\$1,000,000?

Yes	No	N/A

If Yes to both above, then: SBE preference is awarded to next low bidder.

**Local Preference and Glades Local Preference**

Has the Certification of Business Location for Local Preference been submitted (Attachment No. 3)?

Yes	No	N/A
X		

Has Business/Contractor submitted a valid business tax receipt with bid?

Yes	No	N/A
X		

Yes	No	N/A
X		

Yes	No	N/A
X		

**Local Preference**

Is the low bid from a local business?

X		

Is the low bid from a regional or non-local business?

	X	

Are the remaining bids from local businesses?

X		

If the low bid is from a regional or non-local business, then all bids from local bidders are decreased 5% for purposes of determining local preference (to a maximum of \$100,000 difference). See below.

X		

X		

	X	
	X	
X		
		X

ECR Reclaimed Office  
and Storage Building

PROJECT No.: WUD 13-061

STEP 1		
LIST BIDDERS FROM LOWEST TO HIGHEST	TOTAL BASE BID	IF PREFERENCE NOTE: "GLP", "LP", AND/OR "SBE"
West Construction, Inc., 1318 S. Dixie Hwy, Ste 4-5, Lake Worth 33460 / 561-588- 2027	\$594,640.00	LP
Ralph Della-Pietra, Inc., 880 Jupiter Park Dr. #13, Jupiter 33458 / 561-745-7468	\$629,954.00	LP and SBE
Close Construction LLC, 301 NW 4th Ave., Okeechobee, FL 34972 / 863-467-0831	\$643,917.00	

STEP 2			
LIST BIDDERS FROM LOWEST TO HIGHEST AFTER PREFERENCE HAS BEEN APPLIED	TOTAL BASE BID AFTER PREFERENCE HAS BEEN APPLIED	IF PREFERENCE NOTE: "GLP", "LP", AND/OR "SBE"	AWARD RECOMMEND ATION "KEY" ONLY (SEE BELOW)
West Construction, Inc., 1318 S. Dixie Hwy, Ste 4- 5, Lake Worth 33460 / 561-588-2027	\$564,908.00	LP	3
Ralph Della-Pietra, Inc., 880 Jupiter Park Dr. #13, Jupiter 33458 / 561-745- 7468	\$598,456.30	LP and SBE	1
Close Construction LLC, 301 NW 4th Ave., Okeechobee, FL 34972 / 863-467-0831	\$643,917.00		3

KEY(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION:

- (1) RECOMMENDED AWARD - LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER
- (2) NO AWARD, RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE, BUT NOT LOWEST BIDDER
- (3) NO AWARD, NOT RESPONSIVE AND/OR RESPONSIBLE TO BID
- (4) NOT TECHNICALLY EVALUATED / IN EXCESS OF DEPARTMENTS FUNDING LIMITS

"GLP" = GLADES LOCAL PREFERENCE (5%) See Section 3.4 Instructions to Bidders

"LP" = LOCAL PREFERENCE (5%) See Section 3.4 Instructions to Bidders

"SBE" = SBE PARTICIPATION

5%, to a maximum of \$100,000 difference



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**DATE:** April 10, 2015  
**TO:** Diana Rivera, P.E.  
**PBCWUD Engineering Division**  
**THROUGH:** Allen Gray, Manager *A. Gray*  
Office of Small Business Assistance  
**FROM:** *P. Wilhelm* Patricia Wilhelm, Small Business Development  
Specialist II  
**SUBJECT:** Compliance Review on Project No. WUD 13-061  
ECRWF Reclaimed Office and Storage Building

The following is a Compliance Review of SBE participation on the above-mentioned project.

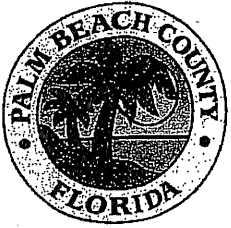
**Low Bidder:** West Construction  
318 S Dixie Hwy Ste 4-5  
Lake Worth, FL 33460  
**Phone:** 561-588-2027  
**Bid Opening:** March 25, 2015  
**Bid Amount:** \$594,640.00  
**Goal:** **15% Overall**  
**Goal Achieved:** **12.405%**

SBE Participation:

(HI)WBI Contracting, Inc.	\$73,770.00	12.405%
<sup>1</sup> (SB)Clear Span Structures	\$98,467.00	0%

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\$172,237.00 12.405%



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                                  880 Jupiter Pk. Dr.#13  
                                  Jupiter, FL 33458  
Phone:                     561-745-8555  
Bid Amount:               \$629,954.00  
Goal:                      **15% Overall**  
Goal Achieved:            **27.66%**

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3rd Low Bidder:           Close Construction, LLC  
                                  301 NW 4th Ave  
                                  Okeechobee, Fl. 33972  
Phone:                     863-467-0831  
Bid Amount:               \$643,917.00  
Goal:                      **15% Overall**  
Goal Achieved:            **0%**

SBE Participation:  
<sup>2</sup>(SB)Walker Design & Const.       \$134,750.00   \$ 0

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\$ 0%

**Summary of Bid Irregularities**  
**ECRWRF Reclaimed Water & Office Building**  
**Project WUD 13-061**

The five (5) bids received for the ECRWRF Reclaimed Water & Office Building project have been reviewed. The errors, omissions or irregularities found in the three apparent low bids have been noted below.

**West Construction, Inc.**

1. The SBE goal was not achieved (12.405%). See SBE Compliance Review dated: April 10, 2015.
2. The subcontractor, Clear Span Structures, LLC is not SBE certified for erection of the pre-engineered metal building.

**Ralph Della-Piarta, Inc.**

1. The officers' titles are missing from the Bid Bond form.
2. The SBE goal was achieved (27.66%). See SBE Compliance Review dated: April 10, 2015.

**Close Construction, LLC.**

1. On Bid Form-6, for the base bid amount the bidder entered the bid amount in words, but not in numbers. For the alternate bid amount the bidder entered the numbers for each alternate bid item, but not the total alternate bid amount in numbers or words.
2. On Attachment No. 3 – Certification of Business Location, the bidder indicated that the firm has a permanent office or other site located in PBC from which a vendor will produce a substantial portion of the goods or services, however the address of this site is not indicated. The bidder's address is in Okeechobee County, Florida.
3. The SBE goal was not achieved (0%). See SBE Compliance Review dated: April 10, 2015.