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Manatee County Property Management Department  
Construction Services Division  
1112 Manatee Avenue West  
Bradenton, FL 34205

Attn: **Tom Yarger, PMP**  
**Construction Services Manager**

Reference: **IFB #15-1095DC**  
**Ft. Hamer Park Phase IIA Improvements**

Dear Mr. Yarger:

One bid was received for the above-referenced project. The following is a summary of the bid information provided by Manatee County (inclusive of both Bid "A" and Bid "B");

BIDDER NAME	BID "A" (150 Calendar Days) / BID "B" (180 Calendar Days)	
Gator Grading & Paving, LLC	\$1,051,144.71	/ \$1,051,144.71

Gator Grading & Paving, LLC provided a Bid Bond in the amount of 5% of the total bid amount along with the applicable bid forms and bid submittal information. Insurance certificates were not included with the bid submittal, however it is our understanding that the County will request and review the required insurance documents from the Contractor for sufficiency prior to commencement of work.

Manatee County directed Stantec to verify the references for Gator Grading & Paving, LLC. Seven project references were provided by Gator Grading & Paving, LLC for verification. Stantec contacted three of those seven project references and the results of the reference questionnaires are attached for your review and information.

The minimum required qualifications to bid on this project are provided in **Section C.01 Minimum Qualifications of Bidders**. This section requires the following:

*No person who is not certified or registered as a Certified General Contractor pursuant to Chapter 489, Florida Statutes, on the day the bid is submitted, and who has continuously held that certification or registration for a period of at least three (3) consecutive years immediately prior to the day the bid is submitted, may be qualified to bid on this Work. In the event that a bidder is a business organization, including a partnership, corporation, business trust or other legal entity as set forth in Section 489.119(2), Florida Statutes, then the bidder shall only be qualified to bid on this Work if: 1) the bidder (the business organization) is on the day the bid is submitted, and for at least three (3) consecutive years immediately prior to the day the bid is submitted has been, in continuous existence, properly licensed and registered as required by Florida law; and 2) the bidder, on the day the bid is submitted,*

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*has a certified or registered Qualifying Agent, as required by Section 489.119, Florida Statutes, and that Qualifying Agent has been the same Qualifying Agent of the bidder for a period of at least three (3) consecutive years immediately prior to the day the bid is submitted.*

Please see the attached documentation from the Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation ([www.myfloridalicense.com](http://www.myfloridalicense.com)) which confirms: 1) William K. Hicks of Gator Grading & Paving, LLC has a current active Certified General Contractor's license dating back to August 16, 2007; and 2) William K. Hicks has been the Qualifying Agent of the bidder for a period of at least three (3) consecutive years immediately prior to the day the bid was submitted.

In addition, please see the attached documentation from the Florida Department of State Division of Corporations ([www.sunbiz.org](http://www.sunbiz.org)) which confirms that Gator Grading & Paving, LLC has been, in continuous existence, properly licensed and registered in Florida for at least three (3) consecutive years immediately prior to the day of the bid.

Please note that Total Construction Subtotal Costs submitted by Gator Grading & Paving, LLC with their bid (\$955,586.10) is within 1.1%± (or \$10,552.12) of the Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost for the project (\$945,033.98). The County's Contract Contingency amount of \$95,558.61 adds another 10% to the Total Bid amount for a total bid price of \$1,051,144.71.

Based on our review of the above referenced information and County staff's desire to proceed with the project at this time, we would recommend award of the contract for IFB# 15-1095DC.

According to the response provided to Question # 11 of the Bidder's Questionnaire (Attachment A), Gator Grading & Paving, LLC, states that they will be subcontracting electrical, striping, and landscaping work. We recommend that the County request that Gator Grading & Paving, LLC, submit a list identifying the Subcontractors, suppliers, and other persons and organizations involved with their bid proposal (including those who are to furnish the principal items of material and equipment) for review and consideration of their bid. The list shall include an experience statement with pertinent information regarding similar Work and other evidence of qualification for each Subcontractor, supplier, other person, or organization (refer to Article A.30 of the bid documents).

Please feel free to contact our office should you have any questions regarding this information.

Sincerely,

**Stantec Consulting Services Inc.**

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Enclosures - as noted

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