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APOPKA, FL. 32712

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REQUEST FOR BOARD INVESTIGATION

Y24-719RM

23 April 2024

37th Street Sidewalk Project

Orlando, FL.

1. National Construction and Consultant LLC is a, Minority/Woman/ Owned Company, A State and County Certified Disabled Veteran Owned Business and I am a State Licensed General Contractor.
2. On (1 November 2023) National Construction and Consultant LLC was identified as the lowest bidder for this project at \$783,856.43 and the project was awarded to a firm at \$1,100,630.90. This award amount is \$300,000 over the Orange Counties Estimated Costs of \$785,928.14.
3. On (14 March 2024) I was deemed Non-Responsive for (Non-Conforming Licensure) And Removed from The Low Bid List.
4. I NEVER received notification from Orange County Procurement or Rolando Melo via mail, email, or phone that there was a missing document with my bid.
5. I should have had the opportunity to correct that deficiency.
6. This was an unfair act by that department.
7. Again (I was never notified).
8. National Construction and Consultant has done projects for Orange County for more than 3 years without any issues.
9. I emailed (Supervisor) Mr. Melo on (12 January 2024) and he replied by saying "The bids are still under the evaluation process" "If we need anything we will reach out to you".
10. I assumed that there was nothing wrong with my bid.
11. I don't think the procurement department did their "Do Diligence" To save the County Money. They never contacted the low bidder to request anything.
12. I would like you to investigate what transpired and award me this contract.

FINAL: QUESTIONS THAT NEEDS TO BE ANSWERED:

- A. Why was National Construction and Consultant removed from the low bid list?
- B. At what time did Orange County Procurement notice that 1 document was missing?
- C. Did Orange County ever reach out to National Construction for missing information? If so, by what means.
- D. Does Orange County Procurement Office have any records showing that they tried to reach out to National Construction for missing information?
- E. How can Orange County Procurement justify paying another vendor \$300,000 more than the lowest vendor to do the exact same job?

November 1, 2023

Procurement Division

Wednesday

**Internal Operations Centre II, 400 E. South Street, 2nd Floor
*Opened Bids and Proposals***

**Y24-719-R2
IFB**

**37th Street Sidewalk Project
Estimated Cost: \$785,928.14**

National Construction and Consultant LLC	\$783,856.43
Stage Door II, Inc.	\$904,139.00
W.T. Comp	\$954,716.06
Schuller Contractors Incorporated	\$1,106,819.00
Mercon Construction Co.	\$1,170,230.71
RMS Constructors Group, LLC	\$1,230,043.50
Mejia International Group Corp.	\$1,904,795.88
Energy Air, Inc.	No Bid
Network Craze	No Bid
The Reserves Network	No Bid
Unipak Corp.	No Bid

**Y24-716-GO
IFB**

**Orange County Convention Center (OCCC) North / South
Exterior Canopy Ceiling Replacement
Estimated Cost: \$1,630,394.00**

SkyBuilders USA, LLC	\$1,584,695.47
Energy Air, Inc.	No Bid
Network Craze	No Bid
The Reserves Network	No Bid
Unipak Corp.	No Bid

**Y23-1061-MM
IFB**

**Maintenance and Repair of Entrance Trailheads, Roads and
Trails, and Installation, Maintenance and Repair of Low Water
Crossings**

GRSC	\$685,500.00
Habitat Restoration & Wildlife Protection Services, LLC	\$1,309,125.00



Rodney Bracy <bracybrcy@gmail.com>

Ref: Project # Y24-719

Rodney Bracy <bracybrcy@gmail.com>
To: Rolando.melo@ocfl.net

Thu, Jan 11, 2024 at 1:33 PM

Good afternoon,

I am Rodney Bracy with National Construction and Consultant LLC. It has been brought to my attention that I was the low bid for this project. I am doing a follow up to find out what is the next step in the awarding phase of this project. Can you please give me an update of this process along with the expected timeframe. Thank you very much, and you have a wonderful day.

Mr. Rodney L. Bracy



Rodney Bracy <bracybrcy@gmail.com>

Ref: Project # Y24-719**Melo, Rolando** <Rolando.Melo@ocfl.net>
To: Rodney Bracy <bracybrcy@gmail.com>

Fri, Jan 12, 2024 at 4:16 PM

Good Afternoon Rodney,

The bids are still being evaluated at this moment, if we need anything we will reach out to you.

Thanks,

Rolando Melo, NIGP-CPP
Contracts Supervisor | Procurement Division | Orange County Government
400 E. South Street | Second Floor | Orlando, Florida 32801
Phone: 407.836.5644 | Email: Rolando.Melo@ocfl.net

-----Original Message-----

From: Rodney Bracy <bracybrcy@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2024 1:33 PM
To: Melo, Rolando <Rolando.Melo@ocfl.net>
Subject: Ref: Project # Y24-719

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Mr. Rodney L. Bracy

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Ref: Project # Y24-719

Rodney Bracy <bracybrcy@gmail.com>
To: "Melo, Rolando" <Rolando.Melo@ocfl.net>

Wed, Apr 10, 2024 at 11:15 AM

Good morning, This is Rodney Bracy with National Construction and Consultant LLC. My company was the lowest bidder on this project. I was wondering if there is release date scheduled for this project.
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No REPLY FROM MR. Melo



Rodney Bracy <bracybrcy@gmail.com>

Ref: Project # Y24-719

Rodney Bracy <bracybrcy@gmail.com>

Fri, Apr 19, 2024 at 8:05 AM

To: "Melo, Rolando" <Rolando.Melo@ocfl.net>

Good morning, I reached out to you several times to get an update on this project and to find out if I needed to send you anything else. I never received a response. This was my first time applying for a major project with Orange County and you didn't make this a comfortable experience.

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Y24-719RM Formal Protest Letter.pdf

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**REQUEST FOR BOARD INVESTIGATION
EMAIL AND PHONE CALL CORRESPONDENCE**

Y24-719RM

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37th Street Sidewalk Project

Orlando, FL

1. 9 January 2023, I Phone called Mr. Melo. I didn't get an answer.
2. 11 January 2023, I Phone called Mr. Melo, Didn't get an answer. I left a message.
3. Email to Mr. Melo on 11 Jan 2023 (Requesting update on project).
4. Email reply from Mr. Melo on 12 Jan 2023 (I will contact you if we need anything).
5. In person meeting on 16 Jan at the Orange County Convention Center with Mrs. Carrie Mathes (Manage) of Procurement. She was with another procurement employee. I inquired about the Y24-719 project. They said that they would check the progress of the bid out and get back to me. (They never did).
6. 10 April 2024 I emailed Mr. Melo to get an update on the project. I never received a reply.

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**ORANGE COUNTY PROCUREMENT DIVISION
PUBLIC POSTING - NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD**

Solicitation: Invitation for Bids Y24-719-R2 – 37th Street Sidewalk Project

Tabulation:	Bidder:	Amount
	Schuller Contractors Incorporated *	\$1,100,630.90
	Mercon Construction Co.	\$1,170,230.71
	RMS Constructors Group, LLC	\$1,230,043.50
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	Stage Door II, Inc. *	Non Responsive
	W.T. Comp *	Non Responsive

Recommendation: Award is recommended to **Schuller Contractors Incorporated**

Remarks: Procedural Remarks
Firms indicated with an asterisk (*) have received both Technical Evaluation and Business Development Evaluation (Minority and Woman Owned Businesses). This evaluation is conducted from lowest to highest and may not include all bidders based on bid volume and number of awards.

Evaluation Remarks
W.T. Comp. was deemed non-responsible for references non-conforming Similiar Project Requirements. National Construction and Consultant, LLC was deemed non responsive for non-conforming licensure. Stage Door II, Inc. as deemed non-responsive by the Procurement Division, based on the analysis provided by the Business Development Division, which identified that the M/WBE participation goal was not achieved, and sufficient good faith effort documentation was not provided. Price calculation errors by Schuller Contractors Incorporated are corrected as shown.

Carrie Mathes

Carrie Mathes, Procurement Division Manager

3.6.2024

Date