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CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: July 22, 2026

SUBMITTED BY: Erin Jones, Purchasing

ITEM TYPE: Agreement

AGENDA SECTION: CONSENT AGENDA

SUBJECT: Agreement for Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Services for a New Public Works and Utilities Complex Phase I with Willis A. Smith Construction, Inc.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Approval

Is this item Quasi-Judicial?

No

Does this item require a public hearing?

No

EXPLANATION:

On February 4, 2026, City of Bradenton advertised Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 26-021EJ to select firms to provide Construction Management at Risk Services for a New Public Works Complex. Notice of this RFQ was made through OpenGov. 22,087 vendors were notified, 1,051 vendors viewed the solicitation, and 8 vendors submitted an offer. On March 19, 2026, a three-member evaluation committee reviewed and scored each of the proposals based on the ability of professional personnel, proposer's past performance and experience, and project approach. Following scoring, four (4) proposers were shortlisted to participate in a presentation and question and answer session on April 9, 2026. Following the presentations the Committee reconvened and discussed each firm's presentations and shared their perspectives. Following the discussion, the committee members independently ranked each short-listed proposer. Willis A. Smith Construction, Inc. being the highest-ranking proposer, is recommended for award. Purchasing is now bringing forth the negotiated agreement.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Fundede by GL Account: 40859000-561000-annex.

ATTORNEY REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION:

Reviewed and approved by Attorney Rudacille.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Motion to approve THE Agreement for CMAR Services for the New Public Works and Utilities Complex Phase I with Willis A. Smith Construction, Inc.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Agreement with Willis A Smith Construction, Inc.](#)