



## Legislation Text

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### **SUBJECT/RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve purchase orders to Rock Solid of Florida, LLC of St. Petersburg, FL, NOVA Engineering & Environmental, LLC of Tampa, FL, and New Dimension Builders, LLC of St. Petersburg, FL for building inspections, reporting, and construction management services, in the total annual cumulative, not-to-exceed amount of \$150,000.00 for a one-year term, with the option for three one-year renewal options at the City's discretion, pursuant to Request for Proposals (RFP) 27-21 Building Inspections, Reporting, and Construction Management Services, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

### **SUMMARY:**

On March 18, 2021, the City of Clearwater issued RFP #27-21, Building Inspections, Reporting, and Construction Management Services and seven responses were received. The evaluation committee carefully reviewed each submittal and scored according to the RFP evaluation criteria and overall responsiveness to the RFP requirements. Staff recommends contracting with Rock Solid of Florida, LLC (Rock Solid), NOVA Engineering & Environmental, LLC (NOVA) and New Dimension Builders, LLC (New Dimension) to maximize the value of Rock Solid's affordable rates and proficiency with home inspections, New Dimension's construction expertise and NOVA's construction expertise and professional engineering services on an as needed basis.

NOVA has worked on city Housing Division projects since 2014 and their high level of expertise and direct knowledge of the program is a significant resource for staff. Rock Solid has demonstrated expertise with home inspections at affordable rates on city funded projects since 2018. New Dimension has performed similar work for the City of Tampa's home rehabilitation program.

These services will be utilized for residential (single-family and multi-family) and commercial building inspections, and construction management services for housing and community development projects. These services are required for program compliance with the various housing and community development programs funded by state, federal and local programs including rehabilitation, down payment assistance and public facilities improvements.

The services to be provided include performing feasibility inspections and cost estimates, preparing and reviewing construction bid documents, managing the construction process, organizing preconstruction conferences, on-going inspections for draws/payments and home inspections.

The total, cumulative, not-to-exceed annual amount of \$150,000.00 is subject to price escalation provisions in the RFP. Assignments will be distributed at the discretion of staff based on project type, area of expertise and volume of work. NOVA will primarily work on Public Facility projects; New Dimension will be primarily assigned Housing Rehabilitation projects and Rock Solid will be limited to home inspections required under the city's Down Payment Assistance program. While Rock Solid will be limited to home inspections only, NOVA and New Dimension may be assigned any of the three project types as needed.

### **APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:**

Funds are available in the Community Development Block Grant program, HOME Investment Partnership

program, the State Housing Initiatives Partnership program, and the Pinellas County Housing Trust Fund to fund these purchase orders.

**USE OF RESERVE FUNDS:**

N/A