

BLUE LAKE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR
BLUE LAKE SHORELINE STABILIZATION
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Notice is hereby given that the Blue Lake Community Development District (“**District**”) will receive proposals for the following project (“**Project**”):

BLUE LAKE SHORELINE STABILIZATION

The Project will require contractors to provide for the construction, labor, materials, and equipment necessary to construct all work, or a portion thereof, necessary for a proposed retaining wall repair project as more particularly described in the Project Manual (defined herein) and in accordance with the plans and specifications therein.

The “**Project Manual**”, consisting of the proposal package and other materials, will be available for public inspection and may be obtained beginning December 19, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. (EST), by email request only sent to Kathleen Dailey Meneely at kmeneely@sdsinc.org (“**District Manager**”). The District reserves the right in its sole discretion to make changes to the Project Manual up until the Response Deadline (defined herein), and to provide notice of such changes only to those respondents who have provided their contact information to the District via e-mail to the District Manager at kmeneely@sdsinc.org.

There will be an **optional pre-proposal conference on January 7, 2026, at 2:30 pm (EST) at the WildBlue Social Building, 18721 Blue Lake Boulevard, Fort Myers, Florida 33913**. Failure to attend may preclude a proposer from responding to this Request for Proposals.

The District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, make modifications to the work, award the contract in whole or in part with or without cause, provide for the delivery of the project in phases, and waive minor or technical irregularities in any proposal if it determines in its discretion that it is in the District’s best interests to do so.

A notice of protest of the Project Manual, or any component thereof, must be filed with the District within 72 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after this advertisement is published. All protest must be submitted together with a protest bond in a form acceptable to the District and in the amount of \$10,000.00. A formal written protest must be filed with the District within seven (7) calendar days (including Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after the initial notice of protest was timely filed. The formal written protest shall state with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based. Filing will be perfected and deemed to have occurred upon receipt by the District Manager. In the event the protest is successful, the protest bond shall be refunded to the protestor. In the event the protest is unsuccessful, the protest bond shall be applied towards the District’s costs, expenses and attorney’s fees associated with hearing and defending the protest. Failure to timely file a protest will result in a waiver of any right to object to or protest under the District’s Rules of Procedure, Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, and other law.

Firms desiring to respond to the District’s request for proposals for the Project must submit one (1) original and one (1) PDF electronic copy on a flash drive of the firm’s proposal along with a proposal bond (“**Proposal Guaranty**”) in the sum equal to five percent of Proposer’s total price for the Project as specified in the Project Manual no later than **3:00 pm (EST) on January 28, 2026**, at the offices of Barraco and Associates, Inc. located at 2271 McGregor Boulevard, Suite 100, Fort Myers, Florida 33901

("Response Deadline"). Proposals must be in the form provided in the Project Manual and submitted in a sealed envelope, marked with "RESPONSE TO RFP – BLUE LAKE CDD." Proposals will be opened at the time and date stipulated below; the District reserves the right to return unopened to a respondent any proposal received after the Response Deadline. Any proposal not completed as specified or missing the required proposal documents as provided in the Project Manual may be disqualified. Each proposal must remain binding for a minimum of 120 days after the Response Deadline.

Proposals will be evaluated in accordance with the evaluation criteria included in the Project Manual. Notwithstanding the foregoing, please note that proposals received from firms failing to meet the following minimum qualifications will not be considered or evaluated:

- (i) hold all required applicable state professional license in good standing;
- (ii) hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
- (iii) proposer is authorized to do business in the State of Florida;
- (iv) Proposer has constructed three (3) projects similar in quality and scope of this Project within the last three (3) years;
- (v) Proposer will have minimum bonding capacity of \$10,000,000 from a surety company acceptable to the District;
- (vi) Proposer has at least three (3) years of experience in Florida within the last five (5) years;

Proposers are hereby notified that Section 287.05701, Florida Statutes, requires that the District may not request documentation of or consider a vendor's social, political, or ideological interests when determining if the vendor is a responsible vendor.

The successful Proposer will be required, prior to commencing any construction, to furnish a payment and performance bond in an amount equal to the total amount of work that may be authorized in the initial notice of commencement issued by the District, which amount may be for one hundred percent (100%) of the value of the contract, with a surety acceptable to the District, in accordance with section 255.05, *Florida Statutes*.

All questions regarding the Project Manual or this project shall be directed via email only to the District Manager at kmeneely@sdsinc.org with email copies to Carl Barraco (District Engineer) at carlb@barraco.net and Wesley Haber (District Counsel) at wesley.haber@kutakrock.com. No phone inquiries will be accepted. **All questions must be received no later than 5:00 pm (EST) on January 21, 2026**, to be considered.

Notice of Public Meeting for Proposal Opening

A public meeting to open proposals will be held on **January 28, 2025, at 3:30 pm (EST)** at the offices of Barraco and Associates, Inc. located at 2271 McGregor Boulevard, Suite 100, Fort Myers, Florida 33901. No official action of the District's Board will be taken at this meeting, it is held for the limited purpose of opening the proposals. The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. A copy of the agenda for this meeting may be obtained from the District Manager, Kathleen Dailey Meneely, c/o Special District Services, Inc., 27499 Riverview Center Blvd., Bonita Springs, FL 34134. This meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting. Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (239) 444-5790 at least five calendar days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770, for aid in contacting the District Office.