



TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: May 19, 2026

TITLE: Motion Approving Awards of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 526-3, Pre-Qualification of General and Specialty Trade Contractors (Citywide) Qualified Vendor List (QVL) - Various Pre-Qualified Pool of Contractors - (**Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4**)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve award of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 526-3, Pre-Qualification of General and Specialty Trade Contractors (Citywide) Qualified Vendor List (QVL), to the following firms: A & J Roofing Corp.; Caliste Construction, LLC; DMS Contractors, L.L.C; ENCOP, Inc.; Express Drain & Sewer Cleaning, LLC; Grace Roofing & Sheet Metal Enterprise, LLC; In Depth Inc.; MBR Construction, Inc.; Merrick Industrial Management Corporation; Properties of Elegant Distinction, LLC; Quality Wiring, Inc.; Sagaris Corp.; and The Watauga Company; and further authorize the Chief Procurement Officer to add or delete suppliers, trade categories, and services during the established five (5)-year term of the QVL and, contingent upon appropriation of funds, to award and execute future non-project-specific or project-specific agreements, in substantially the form attached, and related task orders, and/or purchase orders, without further City Commission action, provided said agreements do not exceed the limits established in Section 255.20, Florida Statutes.

Background

The City regularly procures services from general contractors and specialty trade vendors to perform maintenance, repair, and small construction projects across municipal facilities and infrastructure. Currently, many of these services require a full procurement process each time a need arises, which can delay project start times due to administrative requirements.

To improve efficiency while maintaining competitive procurement practices, the City solicited statements of qualifications from contractors to provide general and specialty trade services for projects throughout the City. This method of source selection allows the City to quickly solicit bids from a pool of qualified contractors and maintain competition while reducing delays. Pre-qualified contractors will compete for individual projects through a sealed, competitive bidding process.

The selected contractors will provide labor, equipment, and materials for various City locations and assets, as authorized by task orders and/or purchase orders for individual projects on an as-needed basis, using their own staff and/or subcontractors.

The scope of work for each task order will be based on the City's operational needs and budgetary availability at the time of need and may include, but is not limited to, services provided by general contractors and specialty trades such as electrical, plumbing, HVAC, roofing, carpentry, painting, and other construction, repair, or maintenance services necessary to support City facilities and infrastructure. All work will be performed in accordance with the solicitation's prices, terms, conditions, specifications, plans, and general or project-specific requirements associated with each task order or purchase order, and in compliance with all applicable codes, regulations, and laws.

On August 28, 2025, the City, via the Procurement Services Division, issued Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 526-3, Pre-Qualification of General & Specialty Trade Contractors.

At the time of the October 15, 2025, RFQ advertising deadline, a total of twenty-one (21) firms submitted qualification packages in response to the solicitation.

The twenty-one (21) submitting firms were:

1. A & J Roofing Corp.
2. Best Roofing Services LLC
3. Caliste Construction, LLC
4. Custom Pickleball Courts, LLC dba Court Kings Sports Construction
5. Dixie Construction, Inc.
6. DMS Contractors, L.L.C
7. ENCOPI, Inc.
8. Express Drain & Sewer Cleaning, LLC.
9. Grace Roofing & Sheet Metal Enterprise LLC
10. Green Alliance, Inc.
11. In Depth Inc.
12. MBR Construction, Inc.
13. Merrick Industrial Management Corporation
14. Properties of Elegant Distinction, LLC
15. Quality Wiring, Inc.
16. Razorback LLC
17. Sagaris Corp.
18. Shiff Construction & Development, Inc.
19. The Watauga Company
20. Trugreen Construction, Inc.
21. Waypoint Contracting, Inc.

Of the twenty-one (21) firms that submitted responses, four (4) firms were deemed non-responsive and were not evaluated by the Evaluation Committee for any trade category because their submissions did not conform to the material requirements of the solicitation. These firms include:

- Dixie Construction – Failed to submit required staff resumes and surety capacity letter.
- Green Alliance, Inc. – Failed to submit required staff resumes.

- Trugreen Construction Inc. – Failed to submit required staff resumes and surety capacity letter.
- Custom Pickleball Courts, LLC d/b/a Court Kings Sports Construction - Did not meet the minimum five (5) years of business experience required by the solicitation.

Following Procurement’s responsiveness review, the remaining firms were evaluated by the Evaluation Committee in accordance with the solicitation’s established pass/fail criteria. During the evaluation process, the following two (2) firms were determined not to meet the evaluation requirements for award and were not recommended for inclusion:

- DMS Contractors, L.L.C
- Waypoint Contracting, Inc.

Additionally, two (2) firms were not included in the initial award recommendations as they were unable to agree to the City’s standard contractual terms and conditions at this time. These firms may resubmit for consideration should they elect to comply with the City’s contractual requirements for the QVL:

- Razorback LLC
- Shiff Construction & Development, Inc.

On March 3, 2026, the Evaluation Committee (EC) convened to review and evaluate the submitted qualifications in accordance with the pre-established pass/fail evaluation criteria shown in the table below:

CRITERIA	Determination
Qualifications of Firm and Team	Pass/Fail
Experience and Past Performance of the Firm	Pass/Fail
References	Pass/Fail

Based on this evaluation, the Committee recommends the following thirteen (13) general and specialty contractors for inclusion on the QVL for their respective trade:

Audio Visual
Quality Wiring, Inc.

Carpentry/Woodwork
Merrick Industrial Management Corporation

Fencing
DMS Contractors, L.L.C.

General Building
Caliste Construction, LLC
DMS Contractors, L.L.C.
ENCOP, Inc.
MBR Construction, Inc.
Properties of Elegant Distinction, LLC

Sagaris Corp.
The Watauga Company

Marine Services
In Depth Inc.

Plumbing
Express Drain & Sewer Cleaning, LLC

Pump Repairs
Express Drain & Sewer Cleaning, LLC.

Roofing
A & J Roofing Corp.
Grace Roofing & Sheet Metal Enterprise LLC

Therefore, staff recommends approval of this item to establish the initial pool of pre-qualified contractors, and to further allow for the Chief Procurement Officer to add or remove suppliers, trade categories, and services during the established five (5)-year term of the QVL. Additionally, contingent upon the appropriation of funds, and review and selection by an Evaluation Committee, staff recommends, authorizing the Chief Procurement Officer to award and execute future non-project-specific or project-specific agreements and related task orders, and/or purchase orders without further City Commission action and approval, provided the agreement(s) do not exceed the applicable or adjusted limits set forth in Section 255.20, Florida Statutes.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action at this time. Funds for future awarded non-project-specific or project-specific agreements will not exceed the established or adjusted limits established in Section 255.20, Florida Statutes and will be subject to budgetary approval and appropriation of funds.

Strategic Connections

This item is a FY 2026 Commission Priority, advancing the Public Spaces and Cultural Initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area, Goal 5: Build a beautiful and welcoming community.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan: We Are Here.

This item supports the Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- Parks, Recreation & Open Space Element
- Goal 2: Be a community with high quality parks and recreational facilities that highlight

the character of our city.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 - Solicitation

Exhibit 2 - Final Ranking

Exhibit 3 - QVL - Future Non-Project-Specific or Project-Specific Sample Agreement

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