

## RFP 25-686, I-4 Intermodal Passenger Rail Station Feasibility & Planning Study

### Interviews/Ranking Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2026

#### Selection Committee Members:

Ryan Kordek, Polk TPO  
Cindy Mitchell, Polk TPO  
Stephanie Madden, City of Lakeland Commissioner  
Chuck Barnby, City of Lakeland – Planning & Transportation  
Nicole McCleary, Citrus Connection

**Staff:** Brad Howard, Procurement  
Noah Milov, County Attorney's Office

#### Others (Ranking Meeting):

Rohan Sadhai, Asha Planning  
David Todryn, Michael Baker International  
Aaron Franklin, Michael Baker International

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Interviews convened at approximately 1:15 p.m. on Monday, January 12, 2026. All Selection Committee members were present. Presentations were made in alphabetical order followed by questions of the Committee. The interviews ended at approximately 4:38 p.m.

After the Presentation/Interviews, the Selection Committee meeting became open to the public at 4:45 p.m. The Selection Committee ranked the firms from one to eight with a ranking of one for the Proposer deemed to be the most highly qualified to perform the required services. The following are the firms interviewed and their final ranking by the Selection Committee.

<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Rank</b>
HDR Engineering, Inc.	Tampa, FL	1
Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.	Tampa, FL	2
Stantec Consulting, Inc.	Lake Mary, FL	3
Michael Baker International, Inc.	Orlando, FL	4

In accordance with the RFP's Selection Process, Elevation Level 3, Proposer Interviews, the Selection Committee collectively decided to recommend the Board authorize staff to enter into contract negotiations with the highest-ranked Proposer, HDR Engineering, Inc. Should negotiations fail with HDR Engineering, Inc., negotiations will be terminated, and staff will begin negotiations with the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest-ranked Proposer, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. Should negotiations fail with Kimley-Horn

and Associates, Inc., negotiations will be terminated, and staff will begin negotiations with the 3rd highest-ranked Proposer, Stantec Consulting, Inc. Should negotiations fail with Stantec Consulting, Inc., negotiations will be terminated, and staff will begin negotiations with the 4<sup>th</sup> highest-ranked Proposer, Michael Baker International, Inc.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:10 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted on behalf of Tabatha Shirah,*

Brad Howard

Sr. Procurement Analyst