

Via Electronic Mail

June 15, 2026



Julie C. Wilkins, Mayor
City of LaBelle
481 West Hickpochee Avenue
LaBelle, FL 33935

Re: Review of Statements of Qualifications and Interview Evaluations
CMAR Services for LaBelle Drinking Water Improvements Project

Honorable Mayor Wilkins:

Woodard & Curran has reviewed the Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) received for the Construction Manager At-Risk (CMAR) Services for the LaBelle Drinking Water Improvements Project (the Project). SOQs were opened on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. by the Deputy City Clerk at 481 W. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, FL 33935.

SOQs were received from the following Respondents for the Project.

1. Gulfpoint Construction Company, Inc.
2. MWH Constructors, Inc.
3. Wharton-Smith, Inc.

SOQs were checked for completeness and were found to be complete. All SOQs were accompanied by the required Transmittal Letter, Executive Summary, CMAR Profile, Project Team Structure and Key Personnel, Relevant Project Experience, Project Approach, and supporting documentation including Forms for Affirmation of Compliance, Financial and Company Documentation, Resumes, and Draft CMAR Contract Comments. Reference checks were conducted for each of the Respondents and were generally favorable.

All three Respondents were selected to provide the opportunity to further explain their written SOQ and present their Project approach during formal interviews. Interviews with each Respondent were conducted on Friday, June 5, 2026. Interview Evaluation Criteria and Scoring included the following categories, scored on a 0-10 scale, with weighting factors in parentheses.

1. Team Qualifications and Criteria (20%)
2. Technical Approach to Construction (20%)
3. Understanding of Project Goals and Challenges (15%)
4. Cost Management and Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Development Approach (25%)
5. Schedule Management and Phasing Strategy (10%)
6. Collaboration, Communication and CMAR Philosophy (10%)



The Selection Committee included five members who individually evaluated and scored each Respondent's performance. Following is a summary of the final, total weighted scores by category for each Respondent.

CMAR Interview Evaluation – Drinking Water Improvements Summary Table				
Category		Wharton-Smith, Inc.	MWH Constructors, Inc.	Gulfpont Construction Company, Inc.
1	Team Qualifications and Experience	18	19	12
2	Technical Approach to Construction	18	19	12
3	Understanding of Project Goals and Challenges	13	14	10
4	Cost Management and GMP Development Approach	21	24	16
5	Schedule Management and Phasing Strategy	9	10	7
6	Collaboration, Communication and CMAR Philosophy	9	9	7
Total Score		87	95	65

The Selection Committee ranked MWH highest based on their clear, project-specific understanding of the Drinking Water Improvements Project and their proactive, solutions-oriented approach. They identified value engineering opportunities and proposed strategies to reduce overall project costs. Drawing on their expertise in reverse osmosis, they recommended cost-saving measures, including assessing the current condition of the membranes to determine their remaining lifespan before proceeding with replacement.

MWH further distinguished themselves by including a dedicated commissioning and start-up specialist who would be engaged early in preconstruction. This team member will play an integral role during the project to ensure a seamless and efficient startup and system integration, which set MWH apart from the other Respondents.

MWH's references were contacted and provided consistently positive and favorable feedback, providing further confidence in their ability to successfully deliver the Project.



Based on the Selection Committee's evaluation and review, we recommend that MWH Constructors, Inc., be offered the opportunity to negotiate the final terms of the CMAR Contract for the LaBelle Drinking Water Improvements Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shawn Brown", written in a cursive style.

Woodard & Curran, Inc.

Shawn Brown
Senior Project Manager