

PC26-006 CDBG-DR Hometown Revitalization Program

Stone & Sutton

Panama City, FL

Date: January 26, 2026



To: The City of Panama City, Florida  
C/o: Jennifer Aldridge, Disaster Recovery Project Manager,  
Floodplain Manager, Development Services  
501 Harrison Avenue,  
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(Via: [jaldridge@panamacity.gov](mailto:jaldridge@panamacity.gov))

RE: Stone & Sutton Project Bid Award Recommendation Letter

Florida Architects, Inc. (FLA) is pleased to offer this Letter of Recommendation for Bid Award for the referenced PC26-006, Stone & Sutton Project. This project underwent two rounds of bidding with the last having two (2) Contractors submitting proposals. FLA has assisted Panama City in obtaining competitive Bid Proposals and recommends that the City of Panama City award the bid to the lowest qualified bidder:

Southern Construction Services, Inc.  
3033 Transmitter Rd, Panama City, FL 32404  
Ph: 850.832.5302

The accepted Base-Bid items as agreed upon by the property Owner included in this package and the corresponding recommended award amount total is Fifty-Four-Thousand-Three-Hundred and 00/100 - Dollars (\$54,300.00).

The Probable Cost Analysis prepared in October 2024 by the Architect is approximately 37% higher than the recommended Bid Award amount. Therefore this Bid is under budget..

Process: the successful public bidding process summary as noted:

1. The Project ITB was advertised on the City of Panama City's Bonfire Portal at <https://panamacity.bonfirehub.com/portal/?tab=openOpportunities> for over 30 calendar days; and at least 3 regional firms were notified of the advertisement, and posted on the national Dodge Construction Listing. Two (2) bidders submitted a proposal.
2. The recommended firm's Bid Package was reviewed and found to be acceptable.

Remaining Anticipated Schedule:

Award Bid (City of Panama City) *	02/10/26
Receive, Approve Executed Contract, Bonds & Insurance*	02/17/26
Building Permitting*	03/03/26
Construction Notice-To-Proceed w/Construction*	03/09/26
Substantial Completion (180 Days) *	09/01/26
Final Completion (10 Days) *	09/11/26

\* Actual date may vary depending on results of the approval and construction processes.

Please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you for the opportunity to continue *best serving the City of Panama City*.

Sincerely,  
FLORIDA ARCHITECTS, INC.

Joseph J. Sorci, AIA, President