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Award Recommendation for RFQ #CRAX-200029-GD: New Home Builders for Heartwood Neighborhood (B)

The Heartwood neighborhood development has gained momentum in the last month. Construction of the model home is in its final review for permitting and is planned to break ground in early June. GCRA will complete a press release and cover the ground breaking of the Model Home virtually so the community can be a part of this exciting milestone.

In late April, the City's procurement department advertised on *DemandStar* a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to create a pool of small, local, and diverse home builders to participate in the bidding and construction of the remaining 33 homes at Heartwood. There were three responses to the RFQ, *Elevated Design and Construction*, *The Flanagan Companies Inc.*, & *Cianci Construction* (in the order they ranked). All three companies are qualified to build in the Heartwood neighborhood and the ranking will need to be presented to the City Commission for final approval before GCRA can move forward with engaging with the home builders on next steps.

Once the home builders are approved by the City Commission, the GCRA Team will begin working with the realty team, construction manager, and home builders on finalizing the marketing and outreach for the homebuyer intake and sales process for the remaining 33 home sites at Heartwood.

Home Builders will be compensated by home buyers. Home construction costs will be cost-neutral for the City, with the exception of the Model Home.

GCRA Executive Director to the GCRA Advisory Board: Approve award for Bid #CRAX-200029-GD: "New Home Builders for Heartwood Neighborhood" as presented.