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New fire station to be built off Fruitville Road east of Interstate 75

The Sarasota County Commission today approved a nearly \$2.656 million contract for construction of Fire Station 10, which will be built at the intersection of Fruitville Road and Vic Edwards Road east of Interstate 75.

Seventeen firms submitted bids on the project. Brooks & Freund LCC of Fort Myers, which submitted the lowest, responsive bid, was awarded the contract to build the one-story, three-bay 13,345-square-foot rescue station that will serve as a disaster deployment center for the county. The hurricane-resistant structure will provide fire and emergency medical service to the areas east of Interstate 75 off Fruitville Road, and east to Cow Pen Slough and north to University Parkway.

The building is designed as a silver Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)-certified project under the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED Green Building Rating System.

Construction is expected to start later this month, and be completed in April 2010.

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