



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
November 14, 2023**

ITEM TITLE:

A Resolution accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award the Fire House No. 4 Construction Project to West Construction, Inc., the most responsive and responsible bidder, pursuant to Section 2-763 of the Procurement Code entitled "Contract Award" and Invitation for Bids (IFB) 2023-017.

DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:

Approval.

BRIEF HISTORY:

The purpose of this IFB is to contract with a qualified and experienced bidder to construct a new 2-story with mezzanine, two bay, 8 dormitory fire station building of approximately 10,323 square feet, including all required site and utility improvements. The building has been designed to achieve a LEED Silver Certification. The scope also includes the development of a neighborhood park on the northern portion of the site. The construction documents and specifications are made part of this solicitation. The site is located at 1345 Sunset Drive, Coral Gables, Florida, 33143.

On June 23, 2023, the Procurement Division of Finance formally advertised, issued, and distributed IFB 2023-017 Fire House No. 4 Construction Project. Sixty-two (62) prospective bidders were notified through INFOR, the City's web-based e-Procurement system.

Eight (8) bids were received on September 27, 2023, in response to the IFB: Carivon Construction Company, Florida Lemark Corporation, H.A. Contracting Corporation, Home Express Corporation dba HE Builders, John Bell Construction, Inc., Magnum Construction Management, LLC dba MCM, Vercetti Enterprises, LLC, and West Construction, Inc.

The responses were reviewed by the Procurement Division to determine responsiveness to the requirements of the IFB. During the responsiveness review, it was determined by Procurement, after consulting with the City Attorney's Office, that Vercetti Enterprises, LLC. would be deemed non-responsive based on their failure to demonstrate the required minimum experience. The Procurement Division finalized its' due diligence process and confirmed that West Construction, Inc., is both responsive to the requirements of the IFB and is a responsible bidder.

The Public Works Department concurs with the Chief Procurement Officer's recommendation to award the Fire House No. 4 Construction Project to West Construction, Inc., in the total amount of \$7,608,209.00 as well as an additional \$1,141,231.35 for a 15% contingency allowance to address unforeseen conditions with the project.

Section 2-585 of the Procurement Code, entitled "Authority" authorizes the City Manager to delegate authority to the Chief Procurement Officer to administer and make recommendations on contract awards.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

No.	Amount	Account No.	Source of Funds
1.	\$5,807,204.35	310-1602-522-6250	General Capital Improvement
2.	975,000.00	310-1602-522-6250	State of Florida Grant
3.	1,967,236	390-1602-522-6250	Coral Gables Impact Fees
4.			
Total:	\$8,749,440.35		

Fiscal Impact:

The new Fire House 4 will drastically improve response times and more adequately distribute fire resources across the City. The presence of the new Fire House will also serve as a primary response House to any proposed annexation area such as High Pines and Ponce Davis. In addition, the Department's ISO rating delineates the need for a fourth station to adequately serve areas that currently fall out of the mile and a half coverage district. The House will be staffed with existing personnel and fire apparatus and additional funding is not needed at this time.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Resolution