



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
December 13, 2011**

ITEM TITLE:

Resolution accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to authorize negotiations with Curtis + Rogers Design Studio, Geomantic Designs, Inc., and Bermello Ajamil & Partners, Inc., of continuing contracts for landscape architect consulting services pursuant to Florida Statute 287.055, known as the “Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act” and Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 2011.08.19C.

DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:

Approval.

BRIEF HISTORY:

The purpose of this Request For Qualifications process is to select several landscape architect consulting firms to negotiate continuing contracts to provide necessary consulting services involving landscape architecture, planning, design, analysis, cost estimating and surveying. Under these continuing contracts, landscape architect consultants will not work on projects exceeding \$2,000,000 or any study that exceeds \$200,000 pursuant to Florida Statute 287.055, known as the “Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act.”

On August 19, 2011, the Procurement Division of Finance formally advertised the Landscape Architect Consultants Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 2011.08.19C. On August 25, 2011, a non-mandatory pre-qualifications conference was held. Twenty-four (24) landscape architect consulting firms downloaded or obtained the RFQ package from the Procurement Division.

On October 11, 2011, eleven (11) qualifications statements were submitted by: Geomantic Design, Falcon & Bueno, Savino & Miller Design, Rosenberg Gardner Design, AECOM, T.Y. Lin International/HJ Ross, Bermello Ajamil & Partners, O’Leary Richard Design Associates, Calvin Giordano & Associates, Curtis + Rogers Design Studio and NFC Landscape Architects.

On October 31, 2011, the Evaluation Committee met to evaluate the qualification statements, which resulted in five (5) firms being shortlisted as follows: Curtis + Rogers Design Studio, Bermello Ajamil & Associates, AECOM, Geomantic Designs and Calvin Giordano & Associates. This shortlisted group was then asked to make a presentation on November 18, 2011, to the Evaluation Committee followed by questions from the committee. After the presentations, the Evaluation Committee developed a recommended list of firms, in order of preference, for pricing negotiations of Curtis + Rogers Design Studio, Geomantic Designs and Bermello Ajamil & Associates.

Under Florida Statute 287.055 known as the “Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act,” the Commission “shall select in order of preference no fewer than three (3) firms deemed to be the most highly qualified to perform the required services,” who will be invited to enter into a negotiations phase to determine their compensation that will be paid under contract with the City. After compensation has been negotiated with the Consulting firms, contracts will be submitted to the Commission for approval.

APPROVED BY:

Department Director	City Attorney	City Manager

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Resolution