

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

-MEMORANDUM-

TO: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Commission

Date: January 29, 2020

FROM: Peter J. Iglesias, P.E.
City Manager



SUBJECT: Recommendation
to Reject Proposals per RFQ 2019-
034 Constructability, Cost, and
Value Engineering Review Services

At the March 10, 2020 City Commission Meeting a recommendation to reject all proposals under RFQ 2019-034 Constructability, Cost and Value Engineering Review Services will be included on the agenda. This memorandum serves to notify you that in accordance with Section 2-687(h)(c) of the City Code entitled "Competitive sealed proposals", my recommendation to the City Commission for the subject RFQ is as follows:

- 1) Accept the recommendation of the Procurement Officer to reject all proposals received under the RFQ per Section 2-655 of the City Code entitled "Cancellations of competitive sealed bids or proposals" and advertise a new RFQ with revised minimum qualification requirements and scope of services.

On Thursday, October 17, 2019, the Procurement Division of Finance formally advertised, issued, and distributed Constructability, Cost, and Value Engineering Review Services, Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 2019-034. Thereafter, on October 23, 2019 a non-mandatory pre-qualification conference was held with twenty-one (21) prospective firms in attendance, of the one-hundred twenty-nine (129) prospective proposers who downloaded the RFQ package from Public Purchase, the City's web based e-Procurement service.

On Wednesday, November 13, 2019, eight (8) firms submitted proposals in response to the RFQ: 305 Consulting Engineers, LLC, Cost Management, Inc d/b/a CMI, HBC Engineering Company, Hill International, Inc., M2E Consulting Engineers, PSA Constructors., Inc d/b/a PSA Management, Inc., T.Y. Lin International, and Volkert, Inc.

The responses were reviewed by the Procurement Division to determine responsiveness to the Minimum Qualification Requirement listed in the RFQ. During the responsiveness review it was determined by Procurement, after consulting with the City Attorney's Office, that five (5) of the eight (8) firms did not meet the RFQ's Minimum Qualification Requirements: 305 Consulting Engineers, LLC., Cost Management, Inc d/b/a CMI, Hill International, Inc., M2E Consulting Engineers, and Volkert, Inc.

On Tuesday, January 7, 2020, the Evaluation Committee convened to evaluate the three (3) remaining responsive proposals: HBC Engineering Company, PSA Constructors, Inc d/b/a PSA Management, Inc., and T.Y. Lin International. The Evaluation Committee found that not one of the firms and their teams could provide all of the services solicited under the RFQ. Additionally, the Evaluation Committee rated each firm presented as average which fell below the expectations of the City. It was the general consensus of the committee that it would not be in the City's best interest to proceed with an award to the firms. Therefore, the Evaluation Committee

recommended that all proposals be rejected and that a new RFQ with revised requirements be advertised.

Please contact me should you have any questions.

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