



**City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
August 25, 2009**

**ITEM TITLE:**

Resolution accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer pursuant to Procurement Code Section 2-772 "Special Procurements/Bid Waiver" to award a contract to Greenbrook Pools for certain life safety improvements to the Coral Gables Country Club swimming pool to bring the facility into compliance with the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act for an amount not to exceed eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000).

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY MANAGER:**

Approval

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

The Coral Gables Country Club Pool Phase I Project consists of installing a gravity drainage system with a collector tank that will prevent suction entrapment at the single main drain of the pool, which if not corrected is a safety hazard. Suction entrapment has been the cause of drowning deaths of children.

This project was originally advertised on April 10, 2009 as Request For Proposals (RFP) 2009.04.10. At the mandatory pre-proposal conference only one potential proposer attended and as a result of the lack competition for this solicitation the RFP was canceled. The Pool project was re-advertised again on June 12, 2009 (RFP # 2009.06.03). This time a total of fourteen (14) companies downloaded the proposal documents from the website or picked it up at the Procurement Division of Finance. The non-mandatory pre-proposal conference was scheduled for June 16, 2009 and once again only one (1) company attended. Sealed proposals on this RFP were opened on June 25, 2009 and no proposals were received by the City.

After the second RFP failed to yield competitive proposals, numerous contacts with other municipalities were made to obtain potential "Piggyback" contracts with the same scope-of-work. We were unable to find any suitable "Piggyback" contracts as most cities are either in the process of working up their own proposals or bids to retrofit their pools or their pool facilities are new and already meet the requirements.

Recently the Procurement Division of Finance has been able to find a contractor based in Coral Gables who has considerable experience retro-fitting hotel pools in the area to comply with this Federal Act. It is recommended that a Special Procurements/Bid Waiver be granted in order to contract with Greenbrook Pools for certain life safety improvements to bring the Coral Gables Country Club Pool into compliance with the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act.

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION: (If Applicable)**

No.	Amount	Account No.	Source of Funds
1.	\$80,000.00	310-1500-572-61-40	Coral Gables Country Club Renovation
Total:	\$80,000.00	APPROVED BY: <i>Donald S. Miller</i>	

**APPROVED BY:**

Department Director	City Attorney (If Applicable)	City Manager
<i>Donald S. Miller</i>	<i>John C. O'Farrell</i>	<i>John R. D'Amato</i>

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Draft Resolution      2. Greenbrook Pools Proposal