



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
April 28, 2009

ITEM TITLE:

A Resolution of the City of Coral Gables rejecting all proposals received for City Security Guard Services.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY MANAGER:

It is recommended that the attached Resolution be adopted and that a new Invitation for Bid (IFB) be released for City Security Services.

BRIEF HISTORY:

On March 10, 2009, the awarding of this bid was deferred as a result of the receipt of a bid protest filed by World International Security on March 9, 2009. World International Security was determined by the Procurement Division to be a non-responsive bidder resulting from their failure to acknowledge an addendum to the IFB.

Pursuant to Section 2-950 (g) of the City's Procurement Code, the Chief Procurement Officer issued a written recommendation to the Interim City Manager that the written protest from International Security be denied based on the following: World International Security failed to acknowledge Addendum 1; and Addendum 1 was important to the evaluation of the bid as it provided answers to 30 questions from other bidders.

On Wednesday, March 26, 2009, a hearing was held by the Interim City Manager Maria Jimenez to hear the Bid Protest submitted by Mr. Jose Herrera, attorney representing World International Security. In attendance was Lourdes Alfonsin, Assistant City Attorney; Michael Pounds, Chief Procurement Officer; and Danilo Benedit, Procurement Supervisor; Jose Herrera, attorney representing World International Security; and Maria Jimenez, Interim City Manager. Mr. Herrera raised the following points regarding the issue: Failure to acknowledge the addendum was merely a clerical or Scribner's error; addendum was not material to the bid; and addendum was merely a summation of the security services contract.

Under Section 2-950 (g) Authority to Resolve Protests, the City Manager may either resolve the protest or reject all proposals. The decision issued by the Interim City Manager was to reject all proposals and rebid the Security Services IFB.

APPROVED BY:

Assistant City Manager	City Attorney	City Manager

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft Resolution