

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER TO AWARD THE LEGISLATIVE CONSULTING SERVICES CONTRACT RFP 2022-014 TO THE SOUTHERN GROUP OF FLORIDA, INC., THE HIGHEST RANKED RESPONSIVE-RESPONSIBLE PROPOSER, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-763 OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE ENTITLED "CONTRACT AWARD"

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2022, the Procurement Division of Finance formally advertised, issued and distributed RFP 2022-014; and

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2022, seven (7) proposers submitted proposals in response to the RFP: Akerman, LLP, Capital City Consulting, Continental Strategy, Converge Public Strategies, Pittman Law Group, P.L., Sun City Strategies, LLC., and The Southern Group of Florida, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2022, the Evaluation Committee convened to evaluate the five (5) responsive and responsible proposals and ranked the firms in the following order of preference: The Southern Group of Florida, Inc (top-ranked), Capital City Consulting (second ranked), Akerman, LLP (third ranked), Pittman Law Group, P.L. (fourth ranked), and Sun City Strategies, LLC (fifth ranked); and

WHEREAS, the Evaluation Committee determined that The Southern Group of Florida, Inc., was the highest ranked responsive-responsible proposer; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Procurement Officer recommends accepting the Evaluation Committee's recommendation to award and negotiate an agreement with The Southern Group of Florida, Inc., for RFP 2022-014 Legislative Consulting Services; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-585 of the Procurement Code authorizes the City Manager to delegate authority to the Chief Procurement Officer to administer and make recommendations on City contracts.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. The City Commission accepts the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award the Legislative Consulting Services contract RFP 2022-014 to The Southern

Group of Florida, Inc., the highest ranked responsive-responsible proposer, pursuant to Section 2-763 of the Procurement Code entitled "Contract Award", further authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a Professional Services Agreement for an initial period of three (3) years with the option to renew for two (2) additional one (1) year periods, exercisable at the option of the City Manager in an amount not to exceed the available budget.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-EIGHT DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2022

(Moved by _____, Seconded by _____)
(Passed 0/0 vote)

APPROVED:

VINCE LAGO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS
CITY ATTORNEY