



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
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ITEM TITLE:

A Resolution accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award RFQ 2025-005 for Architectural Consulting Services and negotiate a Professional Services Agreement (“Agreement”) with Bermello Ajamil & Partners, Inc., R.J. Heisenbottle Architects, P.A., Gurri Matute, P.A., M.C. Harry and Associates, Inc., Ferguson, Glasgow, Schuster, Soto, Inc., and Alleguez Architecture, Inc., the six (6) highest ranked responsive-responsible proposers, pursuant to Section 2-763 of the Procurement Code entitled “Contract Award” and Florida Statute 287.055, known as the “Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act” (CCNA).

BRIEF HISTORY:

The City’s Public Works Division requires a pool of qualified professionals to provide architectural consulting services with the qualifications and ability to Architectural Consulting Services on an “as-needed basis”.

On April 3, 2025, the Procurement Division of Finance formally advertised, issued, and distributed Architectural Consulting Services, Request for Qualification (RFQ) 2025-005 with the intent to qualify a pool of up to six (6) firms. One hundred and seventy-one (171) prospective proposers were notified by INFOR, the City’s web-based e-Procurement service.

On May 6, 2025, twelve (12) firms responded, including two (2) “no bid” proposals, in response to the RFQ: Alleguez Architecture, Inc., Bermello Ajamil & Partners, Inc., Burton Hersh Architects, P.A., Conconcreto Designs, LLC., (no bid), CPH Consulting, LLC., DIRT Environmental Solutions, Inc., (no bid), Ferguson, Glasgow Schuster Soto, Inc., Gurri Matute P.A., M.C. Harry & Associates, Inc., R.E. Chisholm Architects, Inc., R.J. Heisenbottle Architects P.A., and W.J. Architects.

On June 18, 2025, the Evaluation Committee convened to evaluate all ten (10) responsive and responsible proposals and ranked the firms in the following order: Bermello Ajamil & Partners, Inc., (top ranked), R.J. Heisenbottle Architects, P.A. (second ranked), Gurri Matute, P.A., (third ranked), M.C. Harry and Associates, Inc., (fourth ranked), Ferguson, Glasgow, Schuster, Soto, Inc., (fifth ranked), and Alleguez Architecture, Inc., (sixth ranked). The Evaluation Committee recommended that the City negotiate with the top six (6) responsive-responsible proposers to provide the requested services.

The Evaluation Committee further recommended that should negotiations fail with any of the top six (6) ranked firms, negotiations could be conducted with the next two ranked firms: W.J. Architects (7th) and R.E. Chisholm Architects, Inc (8th).

The Chief Procurement Officer recommends accepting the Evaluation Committee's recommendation to award and negotiate Agreements with the top six (6) responsive-responsible proposers to provide the requested services for an initial three (3) year term with two (2) one-year renewals.

ATTACHMENT(S):

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

No.	Amount	Account No.	Source of Funds
1.	Not to exceed the approved budget	Multiple	Varies
Total:			

Fiscal Impact:

The City has completed a competitive qualifications-based selection process (RFQ) for Architectural Consulting Services, resulting in the selection of six firms. These firms will be assigned design work on a rotational basis to support the planning and execution of various Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects. The fiscal impact of this initiative will vary based on the scope and complexity of each assigned project. Design services will be authorized through individual task orders, and each task will follow established procurement and budgetary approval processes. Costs associated with these consulting services will be funded through the respective CIP project budgets. There are no anticipated impacts to the General Fund beyond what is already allocated within approved capital project funding. This approach provides flexibility, improves efficiency in project delivery, and ensures access to qualified professional services for the successful execution of the City's capital projects.

BUSINES IMPACT:

The selection of six architectural consulting firms through the RFQ process will have a positive business impact on the execution and delivery of Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects. Assigning work on a rotational basis ensures fairness, promotes efficiency, and strengthens the City's ability to manage a high volume of diverse capital projects.

This structure enables the City to:

- Expedite project initiation by having pre-qualified firms ready to begin work
- Improve project delivery timelines through parallel design efforts
- Foster stronger consultant relationships and accountability through ongoing collaboration
- Maintain design quality and consistency across multiple projects

Additionally, this rotational model supports local and regional professional services firms, contributing to economic activity and maintaining a competitive professional services environment. Overall, the RFQ-based selection and rotational assignment approach enhances operational agility, resource management, and the City's ability to deliver timely, well-designed public infrastructure improvements.