



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
July 10, 2018**

ITEM TITLE:

A Resolution accepting the recommendation of the Procurement Officer to award the Irma Tree Replacement project for Public Works to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder(s), in an amount not to exceed the available budget, pursuant to Invitation for Bids (IFB) 2018-014 and Section 2-763 of the Procurement Code entitled "Contract Award".

DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:

Approval.

BRIEF HISTORY:

An Invitation for Bids (IFB) was issued on June 28, 2018 to purchase approximately one thousand (1,000) new trees and palms (500 Live Oak, 300 Coconut Palm and 200 Bulnesia Arborea) that will be planted along residential streets throughout the City to replace those lost or damaged during Hurricane Irma. The quantities and the species may be adjusted by the City as needed to accommodate needs based on changes in site and tree conditions and plant availability.

The solicitation closes on July 13, 2018 and it is anticipated that the evaluation process will be concluded and the award confirmed by July 25, 2018. At that time, field inspections will be conducted in order for the professional landscaping services staff to visit the recommended nursery(s) sites to inspect and select the tree materials that meet or exceed the quality standards listed in the solicitation.

Due to the summer break in Commission meetings, it is necessary to request permission to proceed with the award in advance so that the initiation of the project can begin early in the month of August in order to complete the planting during the rainy season. The solicitation will be awarded on a progressive basis based on price, tree quality and the quantities available from any given nursery.

The initial award will be made to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder and the trees and palms will be purchased from them until quantities and quality standards have been met. If necessary, the City will progress to the next lowest responsive, responsible bidder or bidders until the full amount of trees and palms have been satisfied. This purchase will be for plant materials only. The City's current landscape contractor will be responsible for installing the trees, watering and maintenance under the direction of City's landscape services staff.

The Procurement Officer intends to recommend the award to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder(s), in an amount not to exceed the available budget, pursuant to Section 2-763 of the Procurement Code entitled "Contract Award".

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

No.	Amount	Account No.	Source of Funds
1.	\$1,000,000.00	100-7000-525-63-00	Hurricane Fund
TOTAL	\$1,000,000.00		

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft Resolution