

# THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES

OFFICE OF CITY MANAGER



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FINANCE DIRECTOR

CITY HALL 405 BILTMORE WAY  
CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA 33134

August 14, 2008

Richard J. DeWitt  
Attorney at Law  
2121 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Suite 900  
Coral Gables, FL 33134

Dear Mr. DeWitt,

On August 7, 2008 a meeting was held at 2:00pm in the office of the City Manager to discuss a Protest to the RFP for Medical Director on behalf of Dr. James Hirschman.

Attending the meeting were Dr. James Hirschman, Dr. William Kranichfeld, Assistant City Manager Dona M. Lubin, Finance Director Don Nelson, you and this office.

Information provided to this office by you as a basis to award the protest in the favor of Dr. Hirschman and return his proposal to the process or throw out all proposals and begin a new RFP process are as follows:

1. Process should be fair and equitable and that everyone including Dr. Hirschman should be included even after Dr. Hirschman admitted to confusing the date of the mandatory meeting.
2. Dr. Hirschman was teaching for the City at the time of the meeting and the technicality of not attending the mandatory meeting should be waived by the City Manager.
3. The best group of all possible proposers should be available for selection which should include the incumbent.

After consideration of the three points for basis of award presented at the meeting, it is the determination of this office that these points do not rise to a level where the selection process should be altered. Therefore, the protest is denied.

Sincerely,

David L. Brown  
City Manager

- c. Elizabeth M. Hernandez, City Attorney
- Walter J. Foeman, City Clerk
- Dona M. Lubin, Assistant City Manager
- ✓ Don Nelson, Finance Director
- Walter Reed, Fire Chief