



**City of Coral Gables**  
**CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
 April 28, 2015

**ITEM TITLE:**

Update of the Sustainability Planning process.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:**

For discussion.

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

The City Commission recognizes the need to develop a sustainability master plan that will identify opportunities to incorporate and continually support sustainable business practices in government operations. The plan will also assess and develop a path forward for community-wide sustainability initiatives that will enhance key aspects of the community.

On April 8, 2014, the City Commission authorized negotiations with RS&H, Inc. (formerly known as Reynolds, Smith & Hills, Inc.), an architecture and engineering consulting firm selected as a result of an RFQ process, to determine the terms and conditions of a contract for consulting services necessary for development of a Sustainability Master Plan for the City of Coral Gables

On August 26, 2014, the City Commission accepted the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to approve a contract with RS&H, Inc., to develop the Sustainability Master Plan.

On October 27, 2014, The Department of Public Works issued notice to proceed to begin the planning process.

RS&H will provide the City Commission an update that will include a discussion regarding:

1. The steps in the process completed,
2. An overview of the preliminary draft solutions memo which establishes a baseline for city operations, benchmarks performance against peer cities, and begins to identify potential solutions to improve performance in city operations, and
3. The results of the Local Government Operations and Community greenhouse gas emissions inventory which provides an emissions baseline to evaluate the city's progress towards its emissions reduction goals.

**LEGISLATIVE ACTION:**

Date	Resolution/Ordinance	Comments
April 8, 2014	Resolution 2014-61	Authorized consultant negotiations
August 26, 2014	Resolution 2014-167	Accepted RS&H contract

**APPROVED BY:**

Department Director	City Attorney	City Manager
		

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Project Schedule
2. Sustainability Plan Memo
3. Presentation