

City of Coral Gables CITY COMMISSION MEETING May 14, 2019

## **ITEM TITLE:**

A Resolution accepting the recommendation of the Procurement Officer to waive the competitive process of the Procurement Code and engage multiple firms for specialized engineering services as a "Special Procurement/Bid Waiver", pursuant to Section 2-691 of the City's Procurement Code.

## DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:

Approval.

## BRIEF HISTORY:

The City has identified a serious need for structural peer review, threshold inspections and special inspector inspection services. These services will be used to provide independent verification that the structural design of any structure/facility is in general conformance with the requirements of the Florida Building Code and all related structural codes and technical standards. The City is currently involved in several major construction projects and it is critical to have immediate access to the services identified.

The City has identified multiple qualified independent engineering firms that have demonstrated experience with structural design inspections, peer reviews, threshold and special inspector inspections. The firms are Brill Rodriguez Salas & Associates, Inc., De Los Reyes Engineering and Douglas Wood & Associates. All of the firms are highly qualified firms that can not only perform the required services but add a value engineering component that can offer significant savings on major projects. The City feels that it is our best interest to engage these firms in this critical review process in order to eliminate costly errors during the construction phase. The firms will be utilized on an as needed basis and based on the availability of funds at the time of the need.

Under Section 2-691 of the Procurement Code, entitled "Special Procurement/Bid Waiver," a special procurement may be initiated when an unusual or unique situation exists that makes the application of all requirements of competitive sealed bidding or competitive sealed proposal contrary to the public interest.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

| No. | Amount | Account No. | Source of Funds |
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| 1.  | \$ TBD | TBD         | TBD             |

ATTACHMENT (S): 1. Resolution