



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#26-0491

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: June 2, 2026

TITLE: Motion Approving the Final Ranking of Firms, Negotiated Fee Schedule, and Agreement for Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 456 - Architectural Continuing Services – Wolfberg/Alvarez and Partners, Inc. - \$5,000,000 (2-year estimated aggregate amount) - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve the final ranking of firms, negotiated fee schedule, and agreement, in substantially the form attached, for Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 456 for Architectural Continuing Services with Wolfberg/Alvarez and Partners, Inc. for an initial two (2)-year term in the estimated aggregate amount of \$5,000,000; and further authorize the City Manager to execute and approve the agreement with three (3) one (1)-year renewal options for a collective estimated annual renewal amount of \$2,500,000 and a potential grand total contract amount of \$12,500,000, subject to and contingent upon appropriation of funds.

Background

The City of Fort Lauderdale solicited consulting architectural firms to provide consulting services for projects throughout the City, including but not limited to, comprehensive architectural services as outlined below on an as-needed basis:

- Space Planning
- Programming
- Specifications
- Architectural Design
- Contract Administration
- Cost Estimating, Planning and Scheduling
- Architectural 3D Rendering and Animation Services
- Interior Design
- Landscape Architecture
- ADA Analysis and Design
- Sustainable Design
- Building Performance Analysis
- Historical Preservation

- LEED Design
- Structural Design
- Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing Design

On April 24, 2025, the City, via the Procurement Services Division, issued RFQ No. 456, Architectural Continuing Services. The RFQ closed on May 22, 2025.

The following ten (10) firms submitted proposals in response to the RFQ:

1. Brooks + Scarpa Architects, Inc.
2. Dorsky Yue International, LLC
3. Gurri Matute, P.A.
4. H2M Architects & Engineers, Inc.
5. Jorge A Gutierrez Architect LLC
6. R.E. Chisholm Architects, Inc.
7. R.J. Heisenbottle Architects, PA
8. Walter Zackria Associates, PLLC
9. West Architecture + Design, LLC
10. Wolfberg/Alvarez and Partners, Inc.

On September 23, 2025, the Evaluation Committee (EC) met to evaluate and to shortlist the proposals. The proposals were evaluated and ranked based on the established evaluation criteria shown in the table below:

CRITERIA	WEIGHT (%)
Firm's Qualification and Experience	20%
Project Team Qualification and Experience	25%
Approach to Scope	35%
History and Past Performance	10%
References	10%
TOTAL:	100%

As a result of the evaluation process, the EC elected to negotiate with the following five (5) responsive and responsible firms:

1. Gurri Matute, P.A.
2. H2M Architects & Engineers, Inc.
3. R.E. Chisholm Architects, Inc.
4. Walter Zackria Associates, PLLC
5. Wolfberg/Alvarez and Partners, Inc.

On April 21, 2026, the City Commission approved awards to three (3) of the five (5) shortlisted firms, Gurri Matute, P.A., H2M Architects & Engineers, Inc., and R.E. Chisholm Architects, Inc. (CAM #26-0347, Exhibit 1). At that time, Staff informed the City

Commission that negotiations were in progress with Walter Zackria Associates, PLLC, and Wolfberg/Alvarez and Partners.

Negotiations have concluded with Walter Zackria Associates, PLLC and Wolfberg/Alvarez and Partners, Inc. Negotiations with Walter Zackria Associates, PLLC were unsuccessful, and the City declared an impasse.

Staff recommends awarding an agreement to Wolfberg/Alvarez and Partners, Inc. to complete the award process for the firms that successfully negotiated agreements with the City. Therefore, the City will move forward with four (4) of the five (5) shortlisted firms:

1. Gurri Matute, P.A.
2. H2M Architects & Engineers, Inc.
3. R.E. Chisholm Architects, Inc.
4. Wolfberg/Alvarez and Partners, Inc.

Task orders will be issued to any of the selected firms, as needed, based on project priorities, and available funding.

Resource Impact

There is a current Fiscal Year (FY) impact to the City in the amount of \$1,565,000. Funds for these agreements are available in the accounts listed below:

<i>Funds available as of May 6 2026</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	CHARACTER/ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-331-9100-519-60-6599-P13010	Esplanade Park Restroom Restoration	Capital Outlay – Construction	\$1,280,000	\$1,280,000	\$300,000
10-471-7999-538-60-6599-P12446	Public Works Joint Facility	Capital Outlay – Construction	\$1,625,154	\$1,578,701	\$600,000
10-143-3101-524-60-6599-P12560	Greg Brewton Center (DSD)	Capital Outlay – Construction	\$20,587,060	\$19,585,172	\$600,000
10-353-6999-572-60-6599-P12683	Floranada Park	Capital Outlay – Construction	\$656,782	\$65,160	\$65,000
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					1,565,000

Strategic Connections

This item is FY 2026 Commission Priority, advancing the Infrastructure and Resilience Initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure and Resilience Focus Area, Goal 3: Be a sustainable and resilient community.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Comprehensive Plan: We Are Ready*.

This item supports the Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan, specifically advancing:

- The internal Support Focus Area
- The Capital Improvements Element
- Goal 1: The City will strive to provide infrastructure as appropriate to meet the standards set forth within the comprehensive plan elements, by preserving, modifying and replacing existing infrastructure and providing new infrastructure related to growth and resiliency.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 - CAM# 26-0347

Exhibit 2 - Solicitation

Exhibit 3 - Final Ranking

Exhibit 4 - Proposal - Wolfberg/Alvarez and Partners, LLC

Exhibit 5 - Fee Schedule - Wolfberg/Alvarez and Partners, LLC

Exhibit 6 - Notice of Impasse - Walter Zackria Associates, PLLC

Exhibit 7 - Agreement - Wolfberg/Alvarez and Partners, LLC

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