



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

**#26-0071**

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

**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager

**DATE:** February 3, 2026

**TITLE:** Motion Approving Agreements for Request for Qualifications No. 423-2, Bridge Design and Miscellaneous Structural Engineering Services, Continuing Services Contract - Various Contractors –\$2,438,000 (Three Year Aggregate) - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve agreements, in substantially the forms attached, with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.; CHA Consulting, Inc.; Michael Baker International, Inc.; and R.J. Behar & Company, Inc. for Request for Qualifications No. 423-2, Bridge Design and Miscellaneous Structural Engineering Services – Continuing Services Contracts, for an initial three (3)-year term with an estimated aggregate amount of \$2,438,000; and further authorize the City Manager to execute said agreements and approve two (2) additional one (1)-year renewal options for an estimated annual renewal aggregate amount of \$812,666.67, for a potential total cumulative contract amount of \$4,063,333.34, contingent upon the appropriation of funds.

**Background**

The City of Fort Lauderdale owns fifty-three (53) bridges. According to the Bridge Master Plan (August 2025), three (3) City-owned bridges have reached a point where continued maintenance is no longer cost-effective and are therefore slated for full replacement:

- NE 1st Street Bridge
- SE 13th Street Bridge
- Bayview Longboat Inlet Bridge

On February 18, 2025, the City, via the Procurement Services Division, issued Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 423-2 – Bridge Design and Miscellaneous Structural Engineering Services to design replacement structures.

On March 27, 2025, the RFQ closed with a total of five (5) firms submitting proposals:

1. CHA Consulting, Inc.
2. Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.

3. Michael Baker International, Inc.
4. R.J. Behar & Company, Inc.
5. Lakdas / Yohalem Engineering, Inc.

On June 2, 2025, the Evaluation Committee (Committee) met to evaluate the proposals. The firms were ranked based on the evaluation criteria shown in the table below.

CRITERIA	WEIGHT (%)
Qualifications of the Firm and Team	25%
Experience and Past Performance with Bridge Design and Miscellaneous Structural Engineering Services	35%
Approach to Scope of Work	30%
Workload of the Firm	10%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>100%</b>

The following top four (4) firms were shortlisted for presentations:

- CHA Consulting, Inc.
- Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
- Michael Baker International, Inc.
- R.J. Behar & Company, Inc.

On June 30, 2025, the shortlisted firms conducted presentations before the Evaluation Committee. The firms were evaluated and ranked based on the evaluation criteria shown in the table above.

Following presentations and scoring, the Evaluation Committee recommended award to all four (4) shortlisted firms.

Negotiations were successfully completed, and all firms agreed to fixed rates for the term of the Agreement. Staff recommends award to CHA Consulting, Inc.; Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.; Michael Baker International, Inc.; and R.J. Behar & Company, Inc.

### **Resource Impact**

There will be a current fiscal year impact to the City in the amount of \$2,438,000. Funds for these Agreements are available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Community Investment Plan in the accounts listed below. Future task order funding is contingent upon the approval and appropriation of the annual budgets.

<i>Funds available as of January 13, 2026</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	CHARACTER/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-331-9100-541-60-6534-P12597	NE 1 <sup>st</sup> Street Bridge	Capital Outlay/ Consultant Engineering Fees	\$8,369,941	\$8,314,598	\$788,000
10-331-9100-572-60-6534-P12790	Bayview Drive Bridge over Longboat Inlet	Capital Outlay/ Consultant Engineering Fees	\$3,144,100	\$3,109,399	\$788,000
10-331-9100-541-60-6534-P12791	SE 13 <sup>th</sup> Street Bridge	Capital Outlay/ Consultant Engineering Fees	\$1,205,185	\$1,193,268	\$862,000
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ►</b>					<b>\$2,438,000</b>

### **Strategic Connections**

This item is a 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 Focus Area, Goal 3: Be a sustainable and resilient community

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

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

- The Neighborhood Enhancement Area
- The Urban Design Element
- Goal 2: Encourage urban design which responds to the climate and character of Fort Lauderdale, is pedestrian friendly, human-scaled and contains the infrastructure and amenities to create a vibrant public realm

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 - Solicitation  
Exhibit 2 - Final Ranking  
Exhibit 3 - CHA Proposal  
Exhibit 4 - CHA Fee Schedule  
Exhibit 5 - CHA Agreement  
Exhibit 6 - Kimley-Horn Proposal  
Exhibit 7 - Kimley-Horn Fee Schedule  
Exhibit 8 - Kimley-Horn Agreement  
Exhibit 9 - Michael Baker Proposal  
Exhibit 10 - Michael Baker Fee Schedule  
Exhibit 11 - Michael Baker Agreement  
Exhibit 12 - RJB Proposal

Exhibit 13 - RJB Fee Schedule  
Exhibit 14 - RJB Agreement

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