



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

**FROM:** Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** July 1, 2014

**TITLE:** Motion to approve final ranking and commencement of contract negotiations for engineering services for River Oaks Neighborhood and Stormwater Preserve Park- Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 246-11389 – Consultants Competitive Negotiations Act (CCNA)

---

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the final ranking and authorize the commencement of contract negotiations for engineering services for River Oaks Neighborhood and Stormwater Preserve Park with the top ranked proposer Craven, Thompson & Associates, Inc.; and certify Craven, Thompson & Associates, Inc. as qualified pursuant to law and the City's regulations as well as fully qualified to render the required services based on the City staff's recommendation.

**Background**

The City solicited engineering firms to provide services for River Oaks Neighborhood and Stormwater Preserve Park. The project includes the design, permitting, environmental resources mitigation, surveying and coordination of:

- a) The design of new sustainable stormwater systems for the southern portion of River Oaks Neighborhood between SW 20<sup>th</sup> Street to the north, State Road 84 to the south, Interstate I-95 to the west, and SW 9<sup>th</sup> Street to the east (approximate area is 210 acres);
- b) The design of Stormwater Preserve Park's related park amenities (boardwalk, gazebos, parking lot, dock, etc.), and new wetland area (approximate area is 10 acres); and
- c) The preparation of final stormwater calculations for the neighborhood and Stormwater Preserve Park corresponding to the 100% construction documents as required by the various regulatory government agencies.

The timeline for the solicitation process included the following:

- March 2014 - RFQ 246-11389 was opened and seven proposals were received from the following firms: CSA Central, Inc., Chen Moore and Associates, Inc., Johnson Engineering, Inc., Craven, Thompson & Associates, Inc., Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc., RS&H, Inc., and Miller, Legg & Associates, Inc.
- May 2014 - The evaluation committee consisting of Alex Scheffer – Senior Project Manager, Todd Hiteshew – Environmental Services Manager, Tamira Coffman – Assistant Public Works Director, and Marie Pierce – Stormwater Operations Manager met with James Hemphill - Sr. Procurement Specialist to evaluate and rank the proposers. As a result of the evaluation, the committee selected the following four firms to be shortlisted for oral presentations: Craven, Thompson & Associates, Inc., Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc., RS&H, Inc. and Miller, Legg & Associates, Inc.
- June 2014 – Each firm was invited to make an oral presentation to the evaluation committee. After the presentations were completed, the committee ranked the proposals based on the evaluation criteria and oral presentations as shown in the table below:

		Craven, Thompson & Associates, Inc.	Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc.	RS&H, Inc.	Miller, Legg & Associates, Inc.
EVALUATION CRITERIA		RANK	RANK	RANK	RANK
Qualifications of firm including years of experience, licenses, Insurance, current and previous Minority/Women Business Enterprise (M/WBE) participation efforts, other pertinent information	25%	1	3	4	2
Qualification of Project Team including personnel assigned to work on various projects, project managers, sub-consultants, joint ventures and M/WBE participation efforts	25%	1	3	4	2
Approach to Scope of Work (including planned M/WBE participation efforts)	25%	1	3	4	2
Previous Similar Projects; References	25%	1	3	4	2
<b>Overall Ranking</b>		1	3	4	2

Staff is requesting approval to negotiate a contract with the top firm Craven, Thompson & Associates, Inc.

### **Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact to the City for this item.

### **Strategic Connections:**

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Public Safety Cylinders of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 12: Be a leading government organization, managing resources wisely and sustainably.

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

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Evaluation Committee Tabulation 246-11374

Exhibit 2 – Craven, Thompson & Associates, Inc. proposal

Exhibit 3 – Miller, Legg & Associates, Inc. proposal

Exhibit 4 – Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc. proposal

Exhibit 5 - RS&H, Inc. proposal

---

Prepared by: James Hemphill, Sr. Procurement Specialist  
Elizabeth Cohen, Administrative Assistant I

Department Director: Hardeep Anand, P.E., Public Works