



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

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

**DATE:** May 20, 2014

**TITLE:** Motion to approve final ranking and commencement of contract negotiations for bridge engineering consulting services - Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 246-11376 – Consultants Competitive Negotiations Act (CCNA)

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the final ranking and allow commencement of contract negotiations for bridge engineering consulting services with top ranked proposer Hardesty & Hanover, LLC. (Hardesty & Hanover), and waive a minor irregularity, as explained below. Additionally, it is recommended that the City Commission certify this proposer as qualified pursuant to law and the City's regulations, and find this proposer to be fully qualified to render the required service.

**Background**

Staff solicited consulting engineering firms to provide structural bridge engineering services for bridges owned by the City of Fort Lauderdale. The scopes of projects would include, but are not limited to, designing new bridges with complete replacement phasing stages, repairs, designing modifications to existing bridges, foundation design, and utility pipeline attachments.

The solicitation process timeline included the following:

- February 2014 - Request for Proposal 246-11376 was opened with six proposals received: Lakdas/Yohalem Engineering, Inc., New Millennium Design Consultants, Inc., TRC Worldwide Engineering, Inc., Ammann & Whitney, Inc., Hardesty & Hanover and TranSystems Corporation Consultants, (TranSystems).
- March 2014 -The evaluation committee, consisting of Talal Abi-Karam – Assistant Public Works Director, John Dougherty – Building Inspector, and Raymond Nazaire – Project Manager met with James Hemphill - Sr.

Procurement Specialist, to evaluate and rank the proposers. The evaluation was based on the following criteria: Qualifications of firm including years of experience, licenses, Insurance, current and previous M/WBE participation efforts; Qualifications of Project Team including personnel assigned to work on various projects, project managers, subconsultants; Approach to Scope of Work (including planned M/WBE participation efforts); and Previous Similar Projects / References. As a result of the evaluation, the committee ranked the following three firms to be short-listed for oral presentations:

- Hardesty & Hanover, LLC.
  - TranSystems Corporation Consultants
  - Ammann & Whitney Inc.
- April 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.

		TranSystems Corporation Consultants	Ammann & Whitney Inc.	Hardesty & Hanover, LLC.
EVALUATION CRITERIA		RANK	RANK	RANK
Qualifications of firm including years of experience, licenses, Insurance, current and previous M/WBE participation efforts, and other pertinent information	25%	2	3	1
Qualification of Project Team including personnel assigned to work on various projects , project managers, sub-consultants, joint ventures and M/WBE participation efforts	25%	2	3	1
Approach to Scope of Work (including planned M/WBE participation efforts)	25%	2	3	1
Previous Similar Projects; References	25%	2	3	1
<b>Overall Ranking</b>		2	3	1

During the review and comparison of proposals, the local business preference of 5% granted to Hardesty & Hanover and 10% granted to TranSystems was incorporated into the ranking. The committee ranked Hardesty & Hanover first, TranSystems second, and Ammann & Whitney, Inc. third.

Evaluation committee comments in support of Hardesty & Hanover's top ranking include "they covered all bases in terms of post design services" and "Hardesty & Hanover has clearly shown in the RFQ their ability to replace bridges similar to the bridges owned by the City of Fort Lauderdale".

Hardesty & Hanover's proposal included the firm Marlin Engineering, Inc. as a subconsultant. Whereas Hardesty & Hanover included this firm's capabilities and experience in the Subconsultants section of their proposal, they inadvertently left them off of a section in the Standard Form 330 submittal. City staff has since received this documentation and it is attached as Exhibit 3

Staff is requesting approval to waive this issue as a minor irregularity and to allow staff to negotiate a contract with Hardesty & Hanover, LLC for bridge engineering consulting services.

#### **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 1: Be a pedestrian friendly, multi-modal City.
- Goal 2: Be a sustainable and a resilient community.

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

#### **Attachments:**

Exhibit 1 – Evaluation Committee Tabulation 246-11376

Exhibit 2 – Hardesty & Hanover Proposal

Exhibit 3 – Marlins Missing SF 330 submittal

Exhibit 4 – TranSystems Proposal

Exhibit 5 – Ammann & Whitney Proposal

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