



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

#25-1046

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: November 18, 2025

TITLE: Motion Approving the Final Ranking of Firms, Negotiated Fee Schedules,
and Agreements for Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Event No. 457-2 –
Parks Bond and Master Plan Design and Program Management – Perkins
& Will Architects Inc and CES Consultants, Inc. – \$3,000,000 –
(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve the final ranking of firms, negotiated fee schedules, and agreements, in substantially the forms attached, for Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Event No. 457-2 for Parks Bond and Master Plan Design and Program Management with Perkins & Will Architects Inc and CES Consultants, Inc., for an initial two (2)-year term in the estimated aggregate amount of \$3,000,000; and authorize the City Manager to approve the Agreement with three (3) one (1)-year renewal options for an estimated renewal amount of \$1,000,000 and a potential total aggregate contract amount of \$6,000,000, subject to and contingent upon appropriation of funds.

Background

On March 12, 2019, City residents approved a general obligation bond proposal enabling the City of Fort Lauderdale to make significant citywide investments in the City's parks system.

The City issued RFQ Event No. 12308-296 in August 2019 seeking the services of a qualified consulting firm to provide professional services for the implementation of the 2019 Parks Bond and the 2016 Parks and Recreation System Master Plan. AECOM Technical Services, Inc. (AECOM) was determined to be the highest ranked firm. On May 5, 2020, the City Commission approved an agreement with AECOM to perform the Design and Implementation Services for the Parks Bond and Parks and Recreation System Master Plan (CAM #20-0299).

Staff identified a need to engage additional firms to provide professional services for the Parks Bond Program to accelerate the completion of the program and provide an enhanced level of program and construction management.

On April 23, 2025, the City, via the Procurement Services Division, issued Request for
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Qualifications (RFQ) Event No. 457-2 – Parks Bond and Master Plan Design and Program Management – in accordance with the Consultants’ Competitive Negotiation Act, Florida Statutes Section 287.055 (2024), which governs the procurement of professional services such as design and engineering. The RFQ was advertised through the City’s online strategic sourcing platform. Two (2) addenda were issued to allow for additional vendor outreach and encourage broader competition:

- Addendum No. 1 was issued on May 9, 2025, to extend the proposal submission deadline from May 26, 2025, to June 9, 2025.
- Addendum No. 2 was issued on June 9, 2025, to extend the proposal submission deadline from June 9, 2025, to June 23, 2025.

The City ultimately received four (4) proposals by the final submission deadline from the following firms:

1. CES Consultants, Inc.
2. Keith and Associates, Inc.
3. Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
4. Perkins & Will Architects Inc

A five (5)-member Evaluation Committee (EC) was composed of City staff with expertise in program management, design, architecture and engineering, and project budgeting was established to evaluate the proposals. The EC included representatives from the Transportation and Mobility Department, Office of Management and Budget, and Parks and Recreation Department.

On August 18, 2025, the EC convened to review proposals and hear vendor presentations. The proposals and presentations were ranked based on the evaluation criteria shown in the table below:

CRITERIA	WEIGHT (%)
Qualifications and Experience of Firm / Team	30%
Approach to Scope of Work and Project Methodology	35%
History and Past Performance of the Firm	25%
Communications & Outreach Plan	10%
TOTAL:	100%

The firms’ Statement of Qualifications and presentations were ranked based on the evaluation criteria shown above and, after careful consideration, the Committee ranked the firms as follows:

1. Perkins and Will Architects Inc
2. CES Consultants, Inc.
3. Keith and Associates, Inc.

4. Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.

City staff subsequently initiated negotiations with Perkins & Will Architects Inc and CES Consultants, Inc. The resulting agreements, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$3,000,000, are to perform comprehensive planning, program management, design, permitting, and pre-construction, construction and post-construction management services.

Staff recommends approval of the agreements with Perkins & Will Architects Inc and CES Consultants, Inc. to serve as a Parks Bond and Master Plan Design and Program Manager for the Parks Bond program.

Task orders will be issued to either of the selected firms (or to AECOM through its existing agreement), as-needed, based on project priorities, needs of the project, and available funding.

Resource Impact

Funds for these agreements in the amount of \$3,000,000 are available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Community Investment Plan (CIP) in the accounts listed below:

<i>Funds available as of October 21, 2025</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	PROJECT NAME (Program)	CHARACTER/ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	PURCHASE AMOUNT
10-353-6999- 572-60-6599- P12633	Holiday Park Improvements	Capital Outlay/Construction	\$20,950,000	\$9,362,880	\$1,000,000
10-353-6999- 572-60-6599- P12760	Lauderdale Manors Park Imp	Capital Outlay/Construction	\$1,856,000	\$1,856,000	\$250,000
10-353-6999- 572-60-6599- P12685	Sunset Park	Capital Outlay/Construction	\$1,029,000	\$704,978	\$300,000
10-353-6999- 572-60-6599- P12763	Warbler Wetlands	Capital Outlay/Construction	\$705,000	\$705,000	\$250,000
10-353-6999- 572-60-6599- P12761	Riverland Park	Capital Outlay/Construction	\$2,738,000	\$2,723,650	\$400,000
10-353-6999- 572-60-6599- P12779	Thurgood Marshall Elementary Park Improvement	Capital Outlay/Construction	\$400,000	\$377,444	\$150,000
10-353-6999- 572-60-6599- P12781	Stephen Foster Elementary Park Improvement	Capital Outlay/Construction	\$500,000	\$479,493	\$150,000
10-353-6999- 572-60-6599- P12627	Laudertrail	Capital Outlay/Construction	\$5,000,000	\$4,119,091	\$500,000
PURCHASE TOTAL ►					\$3,000,000

**All projects and funding shown above are provided for illustrative purposes only to verify funding is available at the time of award. Funding will be used as needed on a per-project basis up to the approved threshold for the agreement.*

Strategic Connections

This item is a FY 2026 Commission Priority, advancing the Public Spaces and Cultural Initiatives.

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

- The Public Places Focus Area, Goal 5: Build a beautiful and welcoming

community.

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

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

- The Public Places Focus Area
- The Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces Element
- Goal 2: Be a community with high quality parks and recreational facilities that highlight the character of our City.

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – Solicitation

Exhibit 2 – Final Ranking

Exhibit 3 – Perkins & Will Proposal

Exhibit 4 – CES Consultants Proposal

Exhibit 5 – Perkins & Will Agreement

Exhibit 6 – CES Consultants Agreement

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