



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

**#23-1080**

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

**FROM:** Greg Chavarria, City Manager

**DATE:** December 5, 2023

**TITLE:** Motion Approving a Design Criteria Package Agreement for the Fort  
Lauderdale Federal Courthouse Parking Garage - Desman Inc. \$350,000 -  
**(Commission District 4)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve an agreement, in substantially the form attached, with Desman, Inc., in the amount not to exceed \$350,000 for the Design Criteria Package services for the Fort Lauderdale Federal Courthouse Parking Garage.

**Background**

The City of Fort Lauderdale, via solicitation 2021-007 *Parking Garage Market and Financial Analysis*, utilized the consulting services of Walker Consulting to provide a report so the City could better understand considerations of constructing, operating, and maintaining a parking garage at the new Fort Lauderdale Federal Courthouse site. Walker provided research on other Federal Courthouses and their parking, generated financial projections, and drafted various models on potential revenue generation.

On June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, the Procurement Services Division issued Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Event No. 122. The City received Proposals from the following eight (8) firms in response to the solicitation, which were opened on July 6, 2023.

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| 1. Acai Associates, Inc.                         | 5. Justin Architects, P.A.             |
| 2. Bea Architects, Inc                           | 6. PGAL Inc (PGAL)                     |
| 3. Bermello Ajamil & Partners,<br>Inc (Bermello) | 7. R.E. Chisholm Architects, Inc.      |
| 4. Desman Inc. (Desman)                          | 8. Saltz Michelson Architects,<br>Inc. |

All firms were reviewed for compliance with the solicitation requirements and ranked based on the evaluation criteria shown in the table below and deemed responsive and responsible.

Evaluation Criteria	Weight (%)
Qualifications & Experience of Firm and Team	50
Scope of Work, M/DBE participation	30
Previous Performance / Similar Projects and References	20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

On July 28, 2023, the Evaluation Committee evaluated all firms and shortlisted the following firms for further consideration:

1. Bermello
2. Desman, Inc.
3. PGAL

On August 11, 2023, the Evaluation Committee convened and heard presentations from the three (3) shortlisted firms. After discussion and consideration, the Evaluation Committee recommended Desman Inc. for award consideration. All Negotiations have been successfully completed and Staff is recommending Desman Inc., a certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, for award.

### **Resource Impact**

There will be a fiscal impact in the amount of \$350,000. Funds for the Federal Parking Garage Design are available in the FY 2024 Operating Budget in the account listed below.

Source:

Funds available as November 27, 2023					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-461-8999-545-60-6599-P12687	FEDERAL COURTHOUSE PARKING GARAGE	CAPITAL OUTLAY/ CONSTRUCTION	\$2,193,019	\$1,884,830	\$350,000
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT →</b>					<b>\$350,000</b>

### **Strategic Connections**

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- Goal 2: Build a multi-modal and pedestrian friendly community.
- Objective: Improve transportation options and reduce congestion by working with partners.

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 Infrastructure Focus Area
- The Transportation & Mobility Element
- Goal 1: Ensure the equitable development of a Complete Network for transportation that prioritizes Safety and emphasizes multimodal mobility and accessibility.

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Solicitation Event No. 122

Exhibit 2 – Final Ranking

Exhibit 3 – Desman, Inc. Proposal

Exhibit 4 – Agreement

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