



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

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

DATE: January 6, 2015

TITLE: Engineering Services for Las Olas Marina Dredging Project

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the final ranking and authorize the commencement of contract negotiations for Engineering Services – Las Olas Marina Dredging Project with Coastal Systems International, Inc. (Coastal Systems) and certify Coastal Systems 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 the Las Olas Marina Dredging Project at the Intracoastal Waterway. The scope of services includes design and permitting services for the dredging project consisting of deepening of the marine facilities at the Bahia Mar and Las Olas Marina and dredging of the approach from the Intracoastal Waterway to the marinas.

The timeline for the solicitation process included the following:

- September 2014 – Request for Qualifications 946-11484 was opened and proposals were received from the following seven firms: Coastal Systems, URS Corporation Southern (URS), Bermello, Ajamil & Partners, Inc., AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Inc. (AMEC), Tetra Tech, Inc. (Tetra), Applied Technology and Management, Inc. (ATM) and Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc.
- November 2014 - The evaluation committee consisting of Elkin Diaz – Project Manager II, Todd Hiteshew – Environmental Services Manager, and Jonathan Luscomb – Supervisor of Marine Facilities met with John Curran - Procurement Specialist II to evaluate and rank the proposers. As a result of the evaluation, the committee selected the following firms to be shortlisted for oral presentations: Coastal Systems, URS, AMEC, Tetra and ATM.

- November 2014 – Each firm was invited to make an oral presentation to the evaluation committee. AMEC, however, declined after they saw that their initial ranking was tied for 4th place. After the presentations were completed, the committee ranked the proposals based on the evaluation criteria and oral presentations as shown in the table below:

		Coastal Systems	URS	Tetra	ATM
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	2	4	3
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	2	4	3
Approach to Scope of Work (including planned M/WBE participation efforts)	25%	1	2	4	3
Previous Similar Projects; References	25%	1	2	4	3
Overall Ranking		1	2	4	3

Staff is requesting approval to negotiate a contract with the first ranked firm, Coastal Systems. If negotiations with Coastal Systems fail, staff is requesting approval to formally terminate those negotiations and undertake negotiations with the second most qualified firm, URS. If those negotiations fail, staff will continue the process with the third ranked firm and then fourth, if necessary. If all negotiations fail, staff will re-solicit the project.

Resource Impact

There is no current fiscal impact to the City.

Strategic Connections

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

- Goal 3: Be a community that finds opportunities and leverages partnerships to create unique, inviting, and connected gathering places that highlight our beaches, waterways, urban areas and parks.
- Objective 1: Improve access to and enjoyment of our beach, Riverwalk, waterways, parks, and open spaces for everyone.

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

Attachments

- Exhibit 1 - Coastal Systems International Inc. proposal
 - Exhibit 2 - URS Corporation Southern proposal
 - Exhibit 3 - Bermello, Ajamil & Partners, Inc. proposal
 - Exhibit 4 - AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Inc. proposal
 - Exhibit 5 - Tetra Tech, Inc. proposal
 - Exhibit 6 - Applied Technology and Management, Inc. proposal
 - Exhibit 7 - Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc. proposal
 - Exhibit 8 - Evaluation Tabulation
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