



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

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

**DATE:** June 17, 2014

**TITLE:** Motion to approve ranking and authorization to commence contract negotiations for structural engineering services – Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 946-11366 – Consultants Competitive Negotiations Act (CCNA)

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the final ranking and authorize the commencement of contract negotiations for structural engineering services with the top ranked proposer Lakdas/Yohalem Engineering, Inc.; certify the proposer as qualified pursuant to law and the City's regulations; and find that the proposer is fully qualified to render the required services, pursuant to staff's assessment and recommendation.

**Background**

The City of Fort Lauderdale solicited consulting engineering firms to provide structural engineering services for various projects throughout the City including but not limited to parks and recreation facilities, storage buildings, parking garages, maintenance buildings, utility pipelines, underground utilities, water and wastewater treatment plants, marine facilities, seawalls, docks, fire stations, auditoriums, community centers, bridges, roadways, drainage structures and culverts, wind turbines, shade structures and office buildings.

- February 2014 – Request for Qualifications 946-11366 was opened with five proposals received from the firms of Lakdas/Yohalem Engineering, Inc., Thornton Tomasetti Inc., Biller Reinhart Structural Group, Inc., DeRose Design Consultants Inc., and Baker Klein Engineering P.L.
- March 2014 – The evaluation committee consisting of John Dougherty, Building Inspector; Todd Hiteshew, Manager of Environmental Services; Scott Sundermeier, Facilities Manager; Mark Cervasio, Assistant Airport Manager; and Talal Abi-Karam, Assistant Public Works Director met with Ronald Archey, Procurement Specialist II, to evaluate and rank the proposers. The evaluation

was based on the following criteria: qualifications including project team and years of experience, licenses, Insurance, current and previous Minority Women Business Enterprise (M/WBE) participation efforts, approach to scope of work, similar projects completed, and references.

As a result of the evaluation, the committee selected three firms to be shortlisted for oral presentations. The three firms selected were: Biller Reinhart Structural Group, Inc., DeRose Design Consultants, and Lakdas Yohalem Engineering, Inc.

- May 2014 - The short-listed firms were 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.

		Lakdas/Yohalem Engineering Inc.	DeRose Design Consultants	Biller Reinhart Structural Group
EVALUATION CRITERIA		RANK	RANK	RANK
Qualifications of firm including years of experience, licenses, Insurance, current and previous M/WBE participation efforts, other pertinent information	25%	1	2	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	3
Approach to Scope of Work (including planned M/WBE participation efforts)	25%	1	2	3
Previous Similar Projects; References	25%	1	2	3
<b>Overall Ranking</b>		1	2	3

### **Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact to the City. Funding for these services will be from individual projects when services are contracted through individual task orders subject to the availability of funding.

### **Strategic Connections:**

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Infrastructure Cylinder of Excellence, specially:

- Goal 2: Be a sustainable and resilient community.
- Objective 1: Proactively maintain our water, wastewater, road, bridge, and facilities infrastructure.

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

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 - Bid Tabulation 946-11366

Exhibit 2 - Biller Reinhart Structural Group, Inc. Proposal

Exhibit 3 - DeRose Design Consultants Proposal

Exhibit 4 - Lakdas/Yohalem Engineering, Inc. Proposal

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