



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

**#14-0933**

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

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

**DATE:** August 19, 2014

**TITLE:** Motion to approve contract agreement for Structural Engineering  
Consulting 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 a contract agreement for structural engineering consulting services with the top ranked proposer Lakdas/Yohalem Engineering, Inc. in substantially the form attached and authorize the City Manager to execute said agreement on behalf of the City.

**Background**

The City solicited consulting engineering firms to provide structural engineering consulting services for various City projects. The City designs, executes, maintains, and operates a variety of projects throughout the City. The projects include, but are not limited to, park 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 and roadways, drainage structures and culverts, wind turbines, shade structures and office buildings.

The timeline for the solicitation process included the following:

- February 2014 – RFQ 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, 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 based on the criteria found in the RFQ.

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 Inc., 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, as shown in the table below.

		Lakdas/Yohalem Engineering Inc.	DeRose Design Consultants Inc.	Biller Reinhart Structural Group Inc.
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	25%	1	2	3
Previous Similar Projects; References	25%	1	2	3
Overall Ranking		1	2	3

- June 2014 – The Commission approved the ranking of firms on CAM 14-0695 at the June 17, 2014 meeting and authorized the commencement of contract negotiation with Lakdas/Yohalem Engineering, Inc. On June 26, 2014 the Procurement Services Division negotiated hourly rates with the firm until final hourly rates were agreed upon.

**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 – Oral presentation tabulation 946-11366

Exhibit 2 – Biller Reinhart Structural Group, Inc. proposal

Exhibit 3 – DeRose Design Consultants Inc. proposal

Exhibit 4 – Lakdas/Yohalem Engineering, Inc. proposal

Exhibit 5 – Lakdas/Yohalem Engineering, Inc. agreement

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