



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

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

**DATE:** June 3, 2014

**TITLE:** Motion to approve ranking and authorization to commence contract negotiations for mechanical, electrical, and plumbing (MEP) engineering services – Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 946-11367 – Consultants Competitive Negotiations Act (CCNA)

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the final ranking as set forth below and authorize the commencement of contract negotiations for mechanical, electrical, and plumbing (MEP) engineering services with the top ranked proposer SGM Engineering, Inc. (“SGM”); and based on the City staff’s recommendation, the City Commission certifies SGM as qualified pursuant to law and the City’s regulations, and find that SGM is fully qualified to render the required services.

**Background**

The City solicited consulting engineering firms to provide MEP engineering services for various City of Fort Lauderdale projects. Services to be accomplished under this contract will include but are not limited to MEP engineering services for community investment projects and infrastructure projects throughout the City and includes parks and recreation facilities, parking garages, maintenance buildings, utility pipelines, underground utilities, waste and wastewater treatment plants, marine facilities, bridges and roadways, fire stations and community centers.

- February 2014 – Request for Qualifications 946-11367 was opened with five proposals received from the firms of SGM Engineering, Inc., DeRose Design Consultants, RGD Consulting Engineers, Hammond & Associates, and Project Caine.
- March 2014 – The evaluation committee, consisting of Irina Tokar - Senior Project Manager, Todd Hiteshew - Manager, Environmental Services, Scott Sundermeier - Facilities Manager, Scott Teschky - Senior Project Manager, and Alex Hernandez - Chief Mechanical Inspector met with Ronald Archey,

Procurement Specialist II, to evaluate and rank the proposers. The evaluation was based on the following criteria. The qualifications of firms include years of experience, licenses, insurance, current and previous Minority/Women Business Enterprise (M/WBE) participation efforts. The qualifications of the project team include personnel assigned to work on various projects, the project managers, sub-consultants, joint ventures and M/WBE participation efforts. The approach to scope of work includes planned M/WBE participation efforts, as well as previous or similar projects completed along with the appropriate references.

As a result of the evaluation, the committee selected three firms to be short-listed for oral presentations. The three firms selected were: SGM Engineering Inc., DeRose Design Consultants, and RGD Consulting Engineers.

- April 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 and oral presentations.

		SGM Engineering Inc.	DeRose Design Consultants	RGD Consulting Engineers
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

During the review and comparison of proposals, the local business preference was considered, but not granted since none of the presenters were local firms. SGM

Engineering, Inc. was ranked first, DeRose Design Consultants was ranked second, and RGD Consulting Engineers was ranked third.

Staff is requesting approval to commence contract negotiations with the top ranked firm, SGM Engineering Inc., for MEP engineering services.

**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 946-11367

Exhibit 2 - SGM Engineering Inc. - Proposal

Exhibit 3 - DeRose Design Consultants - Proposal

Exhibit 4 - RDG Consulting Engineers - Proposal

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