



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

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

DATE: February 4, 2014

TITLE: Motion to approve the structural bridge engineering consulting services –
bridge master plan – Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 946-11310 –
Consultants Competitive Negotiations Act (CCNA) services

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the Evaluation Committee's recommendation for final ranking and to commence contract negotiations with TranSystems Corporation, subject to CCNA guidelines, for the purposes of developing a Bridge Master Plan.

Background

The scope of this project includes developing a Bridge Master Plan for the City of Fort Lauderdale (City). The Bridge Master Plan shall consist of individual assessment reports for each of the City's 52 bridges. The assessments will provide recommendations, if applicable, to aid the City in meeting the requirements of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) guidelines.

These reports will also include cost estimates and a rehabilitation/replacement schedule for each bridge. These reports will then be a foundation for Capital Improvement Program (CIP) funding requests.

The Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was issued in accordance with the requirements of the Consultants Competitive Negotiations Act (CCNA). The City's Procurement Services Division sent out an RFQ and received four (4) responses. The Evaluation Committee determined that TranSystems Corporation was the most qualified responder.

- November 2013 – An RFQ was issued on November 8 for Structural Bridge Engineering Consulting Services – Bridge Master Plan for the Public Works Department. On November 25, 2013, the RFQ closed with four (4) firms submitting qualification packages in response to the request.

- December 2013 – The evaluation committee consisting of Talal Abi-Karam, Assistant Public Works Director; Raymond Nazaire, Project Manager; and Dennis Girisgen, Assistant City Engineer met with Ronald Archey, Procurement Specialist, to evaluate the four responses and select three firms to make oral presentations. The three firms selected to make oral presentations were:
 - Underwater Engineering Services Inc.
 - Ammann & Whitney, Inc.
 - TranSystems Corporation

Each company was invited to make an oral presentation; the committee ranked the qualifying firms according to the evaluation criteria and upon their oral presentations:

		Underwater Engineering Service, Inc.	Ammann & Whitney Inc.	TranSystems Corporation
Evaluation Criteria	Weighted Factor	Rank	Rank	Rank
Qualification of Firm: To include years of experience, licenses, Insurance, current and previous M/WBE participation efforts, other pertinent information.	25%	3	2	1
Qualification of Project Team: To include personnel used for the projects, project manager, Sub-consultants, joint ventures and M/WBE participation efforts	25%	2	2	1
Approach to Scope of Work: (Including planned M/WBE participation efforts)	25%	2	3	1
Previous or Similar Projects: References	25%	2	3	1
Overall Ranking		2	3	1

Including all evaluation criteria and oral presentations, the final tabulations were first ranked qualifier, TranSystems Corporation; second ranked qualifier, Underwater Engineering Service, Inc.; and third ranked qualifier, Ammann & Whitney, Inc.

Among the reasons for TranSystems Corporation ranking as most qualified were the firm's quality assurance and control plans, project team, and previous experience with local agencies similar in size to the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action. Funding for these services will be from individual projects when services are contracted through individual task orders, subject to available funding.

Strategic Connections:

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

- **Goal 1:** Be a pedestrian friendly, multi-modal City.
- **Objective 2:** Improve transportation land use and planning to create a walkable and bike able community.

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Vendor Evaluation 946-11310

Exhibit 2 – Evaluation of Oral Presentation 946-11310

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