



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

**#17-0455**

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

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

**DATE:** April 19, 2017

**TITLE:** Motion to Approve Final Ranking and Commencement of Contract  
Negotiations for South Ocean Bridge Drive Project

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the final ranking and authorize commencement of contract negotiations for the South Ocean Bridge Drive Project with the top ranked firm Lakes Engineering, Inc. and certify this firm as qualified pursuant to law and the City's regulations, as well as fully qualified to render the required services based on City staff's recommendation.

**Background**

The scope of services includes design, permitting, evaluation, and construction oversight services for the replacement of the existing bridge along South Ocean Drive over the Marion River (Bridge No. 865775). The existing bridge is an 80 feet, four-span reinforced, concrete double T-beam bridge constructed in 1952 and rehabilitated in 1968. The project objective is to reduce the need for frequent costly maintenance to the new South Ocean Drive bridge structure given the saltwater/corrosive environment, while providing long term operability. The Consultant will be responsible for providing a bridge design which reduces safety risks to the traveling public and mitigates premature degradation or corrosion, enhances service life, and improves durability. The Consultant will be responsible to submit a design which minimizes inconvenience to adjacent and surrounding communities during construction. The Consultant services may also include, but not be limited to: utility coordination, environmental mitigations, and public involvement.

The timeline of the solicitation process includes the following:

- January 2017 – Request for Qualification (RFQ) 471-11891 was issued for the selection of a consultant for the South Ocean Bridge Drive Project.
- February 2017 – The RFQ closed with a total of two firms submitting proposals including:
  - Lakes Engineering, Inc.
  - T.Y. Lin International

- March 2017 – The Evaluation Committee (Committee), consisting of Brandy Leighton, Project Manager II; Raymond Nazaire, Project Manager II; and Christine Fanchi, Livability Planner, met with Althea Pemsel, Senior Procurement Specialist, to evaluate the proposals and presentations. The firms were ranked based on the evaluation criteria shown in the table below.

<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	<b>Weight (%)</b>
Firm Qualification and Experience	25
Organizational Profile and Project Team	30
Approach to Scope of Work	30
References	10
M/WBE Participation Efforts	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	100

The Committee carefully reviewed the submissions and presentations from each consultant, determined that both met the criteria as specified in the published RFQ and ranked them as follows:

<b>CONSULTANTS</b>	<b>RANK</b>
Lakes Engineering, Inc.	1
T.Y. Lin International	2

Staff requests approval to commence contract negotiations with the top ranked firm, Lakes Engineering. If negotiations fail with the selected first ranked proposer, staff requests approval to immediately begin negotiations with the next ranked proposer.

### **Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact to the City associated with this CAM.

### **Strategic Connections**

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

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

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

**Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Evaluation Tabulation

Exhibit 2 – Lakes Engineering, Inc. Proposal

Exhibit 3 – T.Y. Lin Proposal

Exhibit 4 – Solicitation

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