



December 1, 2017

Jennifer Alvarez, MPA, CPPO
Manager, Procurement and Contracts
City of Fort Lauderdale
100 N. Andrews Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

RE: Appeal to Response to Bid Protest of Intent to Award for RFP 473-11906, Sewer Design and Implementation Program Manager

Dear Ms. Alvarez,

In accordance with City of Fort Lauderdale Ordinance Sec. 2-199.1. - Bid Protest Procedure, CES Consultants submitted our notification of protest on November 22, 2017. This letter outlined the clear violation of the city's adherence to procurement procedures by failing to provide the allotted time for presentations as outlined in the invitation to give oral presentation received on October 30, 2017 and subsequently by failing to accurately time the presentation itself. While not in direct violation of a specific section of the city procurement ordinance, it was in violation of the procurement department's procedure and professional duty to encourage and promote fair and equal opportunities for all firms doing business with the city. In addition, this mishandling of the timing of the presentation directly led to an unfair competitive advantage as defined in the Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act of the Florida Statutes 287.055.

CES Consultants, along with the rest of our team, are recognized as engineering professionals and as such hold ourselves and those we work with to similar levels of professional standards. We are simply requesting that the city holds their procurement staff and process to similar standards. Due to these aforementioned reasons, in addition to those listed in our original protest letter, we hereby request you to schedule this protest for consideration by the City Commission.

We thank you for your timely attention to this important matter and look forward to a favorable resolution. Should you need any further information, I can be reached at 305-803-6511 or rortiz@cesconsult.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rudy M. Ortiz', is written over the printed name.

Rudy M. Ortiz, PE, CGC
CEO