



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

#21-0747

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: August 17, 2021

TITLE: Motion Approving Negotiated Fee Schedule and Continuing Contract for
Disaster Response and Recovery – WSP USA Solutions Inc. - \$1,000,000 -
(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve the ranking of firms and award a continuing contract, in substantially the form attached, for the Disaster Response and Recovery Project with WSP USA Solutions Inc., in the estimated aggregate, five-year amount of \$1,000,000 for consultation, not to include contractor repairs. Staff also requests the Commission authorize the City Manager to approve three (3), one-year renewal options contingent upon appropriation of funds.

Background

The City of Fort Lauderdale solicited proposals for professional services related to disaster response and recovery for the recovery, improvements, remediation and renovation of City buildings, facilities, and surrounding areas that may become impacted from future disasters, storm, or other emergencies and require services outlined below:

1. Civil Engineering
2. Mechanical Engineering
3. Architecture
4. Landscape Architecture
5. Electrical Engineering
6. Structural Engineering
7. Environmental Professionals
8. Document Preparations, Control and Database Construction

The timeline of the solicitation process includes the following:

- October 16, 2020 – Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 12441-616 was issued for Disaster Response and Recovery, continuing contract.
- December 1, 2020 – The RFQ closed with a total of two (2) firms submitting

proposals.

- January 13, 2021 – The Evaluation Committee (Committee) met to evaluate the proposals. The firms were ranked based on the evaluation criteria shown in the table below. It was agreed that the two firms, Persons Services Corp. and WSP USA Solutions Inc., should be required to make presentations.

Evaluation Criteria	Weight (%)
Qualifications of Lead Firm	35
Qualification of Project Team	25
Approach to Scope of Work	15
Previous Similar Projects; References	25
TOTAL	100

- March 4 and 23, 2021 – The Committee met with Maureen Lewis to evaluate the presentations of the two firms. The firms' presentations were ranked based on the evaluation criteria shown in the table above and, after careful consideration, the Committee decided to select one firm.

The Committee has reviewed the submissions and presentations from each vendor and determined that the selected vendor, WSP USA Solutions Inc. (WSP) met the criteria specified in the published RFQ. Negotiations with the firm have been completed and staff recommends contract award to WSP at the hourly rates identified in Exhibit B of the contract.

Resource Impact

There is no current fiscal year impact to the City for proposed contract award. Funding will be appropriated upon the declaration of an emergency or as soon as practical thereafter.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2021 Top Commission Priority*, advancing the Resiliency initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Public Safety Focus Area
- Goal 6: Build a safe and well-prepared community.
- Objective: Be the leading model in domestic preparedness

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

This item advances the Connecting to *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan* specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- The Climate Change Element
- Goal 3: Preserve and enhance the quality of life through advance planning, improved coordination with businesses and local and regional governments, better monitoring of evolving conditions, and equitable provisions of resources to address issues related to climate change, and hazard and natural disaster resiliency and recovery

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Evaluation Tabulation

Exhibit 2 – Agreement

Exhibit 3 – Solicitation

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