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

**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager

**DATE:** May 19, 2026

**TITLE:** Motion Approving the Final Ranking of Firms, Negotiated Fee Schedules, and Agreements for Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 501-2, Environmental Engineering Consulting Services - GHD Services, Inc. and RES Florida Consulting, LLC - \$750,000 (three (3)-year estimated aggregate amount) - (**Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4**)

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve the final ranking of firms, negotiated fee schedules, and agreements, in substantially the forms attached, for Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 501-2, Environmental Engineering Consulting Services, with GHD Services, Inc. and RES Florida Consulting, LLC, for an initial three (3)-year term in the estimated aggregate amount of \$750,000; and further authorize the City Manager to execute the agreements and approve two (2) one (1)-year renewal options for a collective estimated annual renewal amount of \$250,000, for potential grand total contract amount of \$1,250,000, contingent upon appropriation of funds.

**Background**

The City of Fort Lauderdale solicited consulting engineering firms to provide Environmental Engineering Consulting Services for projects throughout the city, including but not limited to, design, testing or monitoring services, permitting, reports, grant applications, environmental site assessments, inspection services, audits, and historical and archaeological reviews.

On August 15, 2025, the City, via the Procurement Services Division, issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 501-2, Environmental Engineering Consulting Services and attached a draft agreement. On September 10, 2025, Addendum 1 was issued to clarify questions regarding the Trench Safety Act. Proposals were opened on September 15, 2025.

The following nine (9) firms submitted proposals for these services.

1. Gallagher Bassett Services, Inc.
2. GHD Services, Inc.
3. GLE Associates, Inc.
4. H2M Architects & Engineers, Inc.

5. Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc.
6. Langan Engineering and Environmental Services, LLC
7. NOVA Engineering and Environmental, LLC & MAS Environmental
8. RES Florida Consulting, LLC
9. WSP USA Inc.

On October 14, 2025, the Evaluation Committee (EC) met to shortlist the firms based on the evaluation criteria shown in the table below.

CRITERIA	WEIGHT (%)
Qualifications of Firm	25%
Qualifications of Project Team	25%
Approach to Scope of Work	25%
Previous Similar Projects & References	25%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>100%</b>

As a result of this Initial Evaluation, the EC shortlisted the following four (4) firms:

1. RES Florida Consulting, LLC
2. GHD Services, Inc.
3. Gallagher Bassett Services, Inc.
4. Langan Engineering and Environmental Services, LLC

On October 28, 2025, these four (4) firms presented to the EC. The firms' presentations were ranked based on the previously mentioned evaluation criteria. As a result of the presentations and evaluation process, the EC elected to negotiate with all four (4) firms.

Negotiations have been completed and staff is recommending award to two (2) out of the four (4) shortlisted responsive and responsible firms: GHD Services, Inc. and RES Florida Consulting, LLC. Negotiations continue with the other two (2) shortlisted firms, Langan Engineering and Environmental Services, LLC and Gallagher Bassett Services, Inc. If negotiations are successful, both firms will be recommended for award to the City Commission.

Task orders will be issued to any of the selected firms, as needed, based on project priorities, and available funding.

**Resource Impact**

Should these firms be utilized, there is a potential Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 impact to the City in the amount of \$127,500. Funds for these agreements are available in the accounts listed below.

<b>Funds available as of April 23, 2026</b>					
<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>COST CENTER NAME (Program)</b>	<b>CHARACTER/ ACCOUNT NAME</b>	<b>AMENDED BUDGET (Character)</b>	<b>AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
10-470-7510-536-30-3199	Stormwater Environmental Resources	Services/Materials/Other Professional Services	\$253,069	\$63,032	\$50,000
10-450-7501-536-30-3199	Water Sewer Environmental Resource	Services/Materials/Other Professional Services	\$279,076	\$170,099	\$37,500
10-001-6040-519-30-3199	Facilities Maintenance Support	Services/Materials/ Other Professional Services	\$4,042,115	\$1,438,060	\$40,000
				<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ►</b>	<b>\$127,500</b>

**Strategic Connections**

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area, Goal 3: Be a sustainable and resilient community.

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

This item supports the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040* Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- The Conservation Element
- Goal 5: Conserve, protect, and appropriately utilize the City’s natural resources, including soils, designated sensitive lands, and natural reservations.

**Attachments**

- Exhibit 1 - Solicitation
- Exhibit 2 - Final Ranking
- Exhibit 3 - GHD Services, Inc. Proposal
- Exhibit 4 - GHD Services, Inc. Fee Schedule
- Exhibit 5 - GHD Services, Inc. Agreement
- Exhibit 6 - RES Florida Consulting, LLC Proposal
- Exhibit 7 - RES Florida Consulting, LLC Fee Schedule
- Exhibit 8 - RES Florida Consulting, LLC Agreement

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