



**COMMISSION MEMORANDUM**

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Eric Carpenter, City Manager

DATE: September 11, 2024

TITLE: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ISSUE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) NO. 2024-524-DF PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE NORTH BEACH TOWN CENTER (NORTH SHORE D) NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (PUBLIC WORKS)

**RECOMMENDATION**

The City Administration ("Administration") recommends that the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Miami Beach, Florida, authorize the issuance of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 2024-524-DF engineering design services for the North Beach Town Center (North Shore D) Neighborhood Improvement Project.

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

The City of Miami Beach ("City"), a highly urbanized coastal community in southeast Florida and a major economic resource to the region, continues to be the leader in climate change adaptation. The solutions to adapt present significant challenges for the City due to its relatively low-lying topography with significant tidal influence and high-intensity rainfalls. Furthermore, the City is over 100 years old, and many of its infrastructure assets are aged near or past their useful life.

For this reason, the City is committed to investing in neighborhood improvement projects ("NIPs") that will address this concern. The various projects aim to elevate roads and seawalls, provide robust drainage systems, replace aged and substandard water and sewer systems, and provide above-ground improvements, such as new street lighting, signalization, bike landscaping, and other street furnishings. Waterways suffer from degraded water quality, which is consistent with the challenges faced by Biscayne Bay as a whole, as well as being adjacent to highly impervious surfaces with aging infrastructure systems.

Consequently, the City adopted the North Beach Town Center Core District in 2018, which includes resilient zoning elements such as wider sidewalks, higher landscape standards, and the allowable freeboard of up to 5' above Base Flood Elevation (BFE) for new developments. The City has conducted multiple previous master planning efforts that provide the foundation for the Conceptual Design for this project (the "Project") as listed below:

- North Beach Master Plan, 2016
- North Beach: Town Centre District, Intensity Increase Study, 2014
- Resiliency Standards for Tidal Flood and Protection
- Sanitary Sewer Master Plan, 2019
- Transportation Master Plan, 2016
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan, 2015
- Urban Forestry Master Plan, 2020
- Water Master Plan, 2019
- Storm Water Master Plan Update, 2024
- Blue and Green Stormwater Infrastructure (BGSi), 2020

- Road Elevation Strategy and Sea-level Rise (SLR) tidal flood adaptation plan, 2020
- Citywide Neighborhood Improvement Projects (NIP) prioritization plan, 2020

Considering these master planning documents, in August of 2024, the City completed the Basis of Design Report for the North Beach Town Center (North Shore D) NIP.

## **ANALYSIS**

Through this RFQ, the City is seeking proposals from firms for professional design services for the North Beach Town Center (North Shore D) NIP to provide complete design and construction documents and related services necessary to implement the Project. The selected firm shall be precluded from participating in any work resulting from the services performed under this RFQ and resulting agreement.

The City seeks proposals from professional consulting firms (Architect, Landscape Architect or Civil Engineer) that have proven experience in stormwater, water and wastewater systems, and roadway design, including the intricacies related to road elevation and harmonization. The selected firm will have the technical expertise to conduct the design, permitting, bidding and award support services and engineering services during construction for the right-of-way improvements in the North Shore D neighborhood and prepare the associated design and construction contract documents that will allow the City of Miami Beach to advertise, bid and award a contract for the construction services. The selected firm must have a team of qualified individuals and/or sub-consultants who can guide the City of Miami Beach through the decision-making process of making these improvements in an environmentally responsible and dependable manner. The scope of work will be strictly related to the North Shore D NIP, and the engineering services shall be phased in such a way as to account for any upcoming private development taking place within the Neighborhood.

The selected firm shall provide as needed Architectural, Structural Engineering, Civil Engineering, MEP Engineering, Landscape Architecture, Traffic/Parking Studies and Engineering, Construction Cost Estimating, Surveying, and Geotechnical services for the Project. The work shall include, but not be limited to, conceptual drawings, surveying, geotechnical, design development, estimates of probable construction cost, construction documents, phasing and implementation plans, material selection and specifications, construction staging planning, scheduling, maintenance of traffic planning, permitting, bidding/award, and engineering services during construction for the Project.

The selection of firm(s) with whom the City may enter into negotiations shall be based on the criteria established in the RFQ.

Following the receipt of proposals, an Evaluation Committee will review proposals in accordance with the criteria established in the RFQ.

## **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

TBD

### **Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate?**

(FOR ORDINANCES ONLY)

If applicable, the Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on:

See BIE at: <https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/city-clerk/meeting-notice/>

## **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

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## **CONCLUSION**

It is recommended that the Mayor and Commission of the City of Miami Beach, Florida, authorize the issuance of RFQ 2024-524-DF professional design services for the North Beach Town Center (North Shore D) Neighborhood Improvement Project.

## **Applicable Area**

North Beach

**Is this a “Residents Right to Know” item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-17?**

Yes

**Is this item related to a G.O. Bond Project?**

No

**Was this Agenda Item initially requested by a lobbyist which, as defined in Code Sec. 2-481, includes a principal engaged in lobbying?** No

If so, specify the name of lobbyist(s) and principal(s):

## **Department**

Procurement

## **Sponsor(s)**

## **Co-sponsor(s)**

## **Condensed Title**

Issue RFQ 2024-524-DF, Professional Design Services for the North Beach Town Center (North Shore D) Neighborhood Improvement Project. PW/PR