

C2 B A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY MANAGER TO AUTHORIZE NEGOTIATIONS RELATING TO REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS NO. 2024-044-ND, FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY IMPROVEMENTS ALONG 17TH STREET FROM WASHINGTON AVENUE TO ALTON ROAD; AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH CES CONSULTANTS, INC., AS THE TOP-RANKED PROPOSER; FURTHER, IF THE ADMINISTRATION IS NOT SUCCESSFUL IN NEGOTIATING AN AGREEMENT WITH CES CONSULTANTS, INC., AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH CHA CONSULTING, INC., AND STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES INC., AS THE TIED SECOND-RANKED PROPOSERS; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT UPON CONCLUSION OF SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION. (PUBLIC WORKS)



**COMMISSION MEMORANDUM**

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Rickelle Williams, Interim Executive Director

DATE: June 26, 2024

TITLE: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY MANAGER TO AUTHORIZE NEGOTIATIONS RELATING TO REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS NO. 2024-044-ND, FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY IMPROVEMENTS ALONG 17TH STREET FROM WASHINGTON AVENUE TO ALTON ROAD; AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH CES CONSULTANTS, INC., AS THE TOP-RANKED PROPOSER; FURTHER, IF THE ADMINISTRATION IS NOT SUCCESSFUL IN NEGOTIATING AN AGREEMENT WITH CES CONSULTANTS, INC., AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH CHA CONSULTING, INC., AND STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES INC., AS THE TIED SECOND-RANKED PROPOSERS; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT UPON CONCLUSION OF SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION. (PUBLIC WORKS)

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Mayor and City Commission approve the Resolution accepting the City Manager's recommendation pursuant to Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 2024-044-ND, for engineering design services for right-of-way improvements along 17th Street from Washington Ave. to Alton Road, authorizing the Administration to enter into negotiations with CES Consultants, Inc., as the top-ranked proposer. If the Administration is not successful in negotiating an agreement with CES Consultants, Inc., authorizing the Administration to enter into negotiations with CHA Consulting, Inc., and Stantec Consulting Services Inc., as the tied second-ranked proposers. The Resolution also authorizes the City Manager and City Clerk to execute an agreement upon the conclusion of successful negotiations by the Administration.

The solicitation is currently under the cone of silence.

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

The 17th Street corridor plays an important role in connecting the Venetian Causeway to the Beach area. As part of the West Ave Phase I, a section of 17th Street between West Ave and Alton Road has been completed. The scope of this project is to perform right-of-way improvements along 17th Street between Alton Road and Washington Avenue. The project is considered a resiliency project as it will address the current and future flooding caused by the intense rains and current/projected sea level rise.

The project will include raising the road and installing a robust drainage system comprised of large stormwater pipes. In addition, the old and substandard water and sewer infrastructure will be replaced, including a new proposed interconnection of critical force mains. This project also includes the installation of new above-ground components such as pavement, sidewalks, street lighting, signals, landscaping, and other road furnishings.

The Public Works Department intends to coordinate this resiliency project with all affected stakeholders and phase the design and construction accordingly to mitigate the impacts of construction and harmonization.

The purpose of the RFQ is to select a firm to provide engineering design services for the right-of-way improvements along 17th Street between Alton Road and Washington Avenue, including complete design and construction documents and related services.

## **ANALYSIS**

On January 31, 2024, the Mayor and the City Commission authorized the issuance of RFQ No. 2024-044-ND for engineering design services for right-of-way improvements along 17th Street from Washington Avenue to Alton Road. On February 2, 2024, the RFQ was issued. A voluntary pre-proposal conference to provide information to proposers submitting a response was held on February 15, 2024. Two addenda were issued, and 87 prospective bidders accessed the advertised solicitation. RFQ responses were due and received on March 26, 2024. The City received a total of six (6) proposals from the following firms:

- CES Consultants, Inc.
- CHA Consulting, Inc.
- Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc.
- R.J. Behar & Company, Inc.
- Stantec Consulting Services Inc.
- WSP USA Inc.

On March 21, 2024, the City Manager appointed the Evaluation Committee via LTC # 109-2024. The Evaluation Committee convened on April 29, 2024, to consider the proposals received. The Committee was comprised of Juanita Ballesteros, Sustainability and Resilience Manager, Environment and Sustainability Department; Ghassan Choueiry, Senior Transportation Engineer, Transportation Department; Maria Cerna, Assistant Director, Office of Capital Improvement Projects; and Giancarlo Pena, Assistant City Engineer, Public Works Engineering Department.

The Committee was provided an overview of the project, information relative to the City's Cone of Silence Ordinance, and the Government Sunshine Law. The Committee was also provided with general information on the scope of services and a copy of each proposal. The Committee was instructed to score and rank each proposal pursuant to the evaluation criteria established in the RFQ. The evaluation process resulted in the ranking of proposers as indicated in Attachment A.

The Evaluation Committee deemed CES Consultants, Inc. (CES) the best-qualified firm to provide engineering design services for right-of-way improvements along 17th Street from Washington Ave. to Alton Road. The Evaluation Committee noted that CES Consultants, Inc. has previously provided consulting services to the City on projects with similar aspects, such as the Indian Creek Flooding Mitigation Project and the West Avenue North and South Corridor Projects. CES demonstrated a comprehensive and extensive outreach approach that emphasizes ongoing communication to seek stakeholder input and feedback, understands the community's concerns and expectations, and provides the public with timely and transparent project information. Additionally, the Evaluation Committee recognized that CES's methodology of collaborating closely with City staff to provide a cost estimate for each phase of the Project will facilitate discussions on potential cost-saving strategies.

CES is a full-service engineering firm founded in 2001. It has approximately 23 years of experience providing construction engineering inspection and construction management services for various vertical and horizontal public infrastructure projects and programs. Finally, it has a professional staff of more than 100 full-time professionals and a contracting pool of more than 50 construction engineering inspectors with expertise in various disciplines and project types. CES

currently provides construction engineering and inspection services to the City as part of the City's architectural and engineering services continuing services contract and has provided satisfactory services. CES has also provided similar services to various cities such as West Miami, Miami Gardens, and North Miami. All references provided positive feedback.

The Evaluation Committee also deemed CHA Consulting, Inc. (CHA) and Stantec Consulting Services Inc. (Stantec) well qualified and should be considered if the negotiations with CES are not successful.

CHA, founded in 1952, provides engineering, technology, architecture, design, and management expertise. CHA focuses on optimizing infrastructure, delivering clean water, innovating clean energy technologies, and developing spaces and structures. Since its inception, CHA has completed various award-winning projects, the most recent being the Pineda Causeway Water Transmission Mains Design in Florida and the Outdoor Tennis Courts at Williams College in Massachusetts. CHA is part of the City's architectural and engineering services continuing services contract and has provided satisfactory services. CHA is vastly familiar with Florida, providing services to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 6, the Greater Miami Expressway Agency (GMX), and the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority. All references provided positive feedback.

Stantec provides professional consulting services in planning, engineering, architecture, interior design, landscape architecture, surveying, geotechnical, environmental sciences, project management, and project economics for infrastructure and facilities projects. Continually striving to balance economic, environmental, and social responsibilities, it is recognized as a world-class leader and innovator in delivering sustainable solutions. Stantec supports public and private sector clients in diverse markets at every stage, from the initial conceptualization and financial feasibility study to project completion and beyond. Stantec is part of the City's continuing services contracts for water and wastewater systems projects, architectural and engineering services, and construction engineering and inspection services and has provided satisfactory services. Stantec has provided similar services to other local municipalities such as the Town of Cutler Bay, the City of Miami, and the City of Tampa. All references provided positive feedback.

## **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Public Works Department has budgeted \$3,939,133.95 for these services. Fees will be established through the negotiation process. Services pursuant to the award of this RFQ shall be subject to successful negotiations and the availability of funds approved through the City's budgeting process. It is not anticipated that grant funding will be utilized for this project.

## **Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate?** (FOR ORDINANCES ONLY)

The Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on . See BIE at:  
<https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/city-clerk/meeting-notice/>

## **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

418-0815-061357-29-418-000-00-00-00-20626	\$800,000.00
434-0815-061357-29-418-000-00-00-00-20626	\$1,200,000.00
309-0815-061357-00-410-549-00-00-00-29320	\$1,939,133.95

## **CONCLUSION**

Based on the foregoing, it is recommended that the Mayor and City Commission approve the Resolution authorizing the Administration to enter into negotiations with CES Consultants, Inc., as the top-ranked proposer; further, if the Administration is not successful in negotiating an agreement with CES Consultants, Inc., authorize the Administration to enter into negotiations with CHA Consulting, Inc., and Stantec Consulting Services Inc., as the tied second-ranked proposers; and further authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute an agreement upon conclusion of successful negotiations by the Administration.

**Applicable Area**

South 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)**

## ATTACHMENT A

RFQ 2024-044-ND Engineering Design Services for ROW Improvements along 17th Street	Juanita Ballesteros			Ranking	Ghassan Choueiry			Ranking	Maria Cerna			Ranking	Giancarlo Pena			Ranking	Low Aggregate Totals	Ranking
	Qualitative	Quantitative	Subtotal		Qualitative	Quantitative	Subtotal		Qualitative	Quantitative	Subtotal		Qualitative	Quantitative	Subtotal			
CES Consultants, Inc.	75	3	78	4	90	3	93	1	96	3	99	1	96	3	99	1	7	1
CHA Consulting, Inc.	83	0	83	3	91	0	91	3	98	0	98	2	98	0	98	2	10	2
Stantec Consulting Services Inc.	90	3	93	1	89	3	92	2	90	3	93	4	93	3	96	3	10	2
WSP USA Inc.	85	3	88	2	86	3	89	5	88	3	91	6	89	3	92	4	17	4
Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.	75	0	75	5	88	0	88	6	94	0	94	3	90	0	90	5	19	5
R.J. Behar & Company, Inc.	60	5	65	6	85	5	90	4	87	5	92	5	80	5	85	6	21	6

Quantitative Points				
Proposer	Volume of Work	Volume of Work Points	Veteran's Points	Total Quantitative (Volume of Work + Veteran's)
CES Consultants, Inc.	\$ 338,137.47	3	0	3
CHA Consulting, Inc.	\$ 3,947,215.66	0	0	0
Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.	\$ 3,072,953.55	0	0	0
R.J. Behar & Company, Inc.	\$ 105,125.94	5	0	5
Stantec Consulting Services Inc.	\$ 535,352.32	3	0	3
WSP USA Inc.	\$ 335,974.80	3	0	3

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

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**WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2024, the Mayor and City Commission approved the issuance of the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 2024-044-ND for Engineering Design Services for Right-of-Way Improvements along 17<sup>th</sup> Street from Washington Ave. to Alton Road; and

**WHEREAS**, Request for Qualifications No. 2024-044-ND (the "RFQ") was released on February 2, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, a voluntary pre-proposal meeting was held on February 15, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 26, 2024, the City received six (6) proposals from CES Consultants, Inc., CHA Consulting, Inc., Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc., R.J. Behar & Company, Inc., Stantec Consulting Services Inc., and WSP USA Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 21, 2024, the City Manager, via Letter to Commission No. 109-2024, appointed an Evaluation Committee consisting of the following individuals: Juanita Ballesteros, Sustainability and Resilience Manager, Environment and Sustainability Department; Ghassan Choueiry, Senior Transportation Engineer, Transportation Department; Maria Cerna, Assistant Director, Office of Capital Improvement Projects; and Giancarlo Pena, Assistant City Engineer, Public Works Engineering Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Evaluation Committee convened on April 29, 2024, to review and score the proposals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Evaluation Committee received an overview of the project, information relative to the City's Cone of Silence Ordinance and the Government Sunshine Law, general information on the scope of services, and a copy of each proposal; and

**WHEREAS**, the Evaluation Committee was instructed to score and rank each proposal pursuant to the evaluation criteria established in the RFQ; and

**WHEREAS**, the Evaluation Committee process resulted in the ranking of proposers as follows: CES Consultants, Inc., as the top-ranked proposer; CHA Consulting, Inc. and Stantec Consulting Services Inc., as the tied second-ranked proposers; WSP USA Inc., as the fourth-ranked proposer; Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.; as the fifth-ranked proposer; and R.J. Behar & Company, Inc.; as the sixth-ranked proposer; and

**WHEREAS**, after reviewing all of the submissions and the Evaluation Committee's rankings and analysis, the City Manager concurs with the Evaluation Committee and recommends that the Mayor and City Commission authorize the Administration to enter into negotiations with CES Consultants, Inc., as the top-ranked proposer; further, if the Administration is not successful in negotiating an agreement with CES Consultants, Inc., authorize the Administration to enter into negotiations with CHA Consulting, Inc., and Stantec Consulting Services Inc., as the tied second-ranked proposers; and further authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute an agreement upon conclusion of successful negotiations by the Administration.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA**, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby accept the recommendation of the City Manager, pursuant to Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 2024-004-ND for Engineering Design Services for Right-of-Way Improvements along 17<sup>th</sup> Street from Washington Ave. to Alton Road; authorize the Administration to enter into negotiations with CES Consultants, Inc., as the top-ranked proposer; further, if the Administration is not successful in negotiating an agreement with CES Consultants, Inc., authorize the Administration to enter into negotiations with CHA Consulting, Inc., and Stantec Consulting Services Inc., as the tied second-ranked proposers; and further authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute an agreement upon conclusion of successful negotiations by the Administration.


**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024.

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Steven Meiner, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

  
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City Attorney *AK* Date 6/13/2024