

Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY

Date: January 21, 2010

To: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Item No. 8(O)(1)(F)

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager



Subject: Recommendation for Approval to Execute Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to Contract No. Q74c: Governmental Representation and Consulting Services in Washington, DC

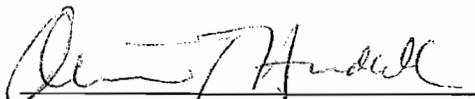
RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that approval be granted to retroactively execute Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to Contract No. Q74c for Governmental Representation and Consulting Services in Washington, DC. The Supplemental Agreement assigns the contract from Tew Cardenas LLP to Cardenas Partners LLC and has been approved and signed by both firms.

BACKGROUND

Miami-Dade County currently has contracts with Greenberg Traurig, P.A., Alcalde & Fay, and Tew Cardenas LLP to provide federal governmental representation and consulting services before the executive and legislative branches of the federal government. Services include a full range of lobbying, governmental consulting and advocacy services. The contracts currently expire February 5, 2010. The solicitation process for the replacement contracts is underway. A request for authorization to extend the current contracts to allow time for completion of the solicitation process is being presented to the Board of County Commissioners as a separate item.

In October 2009, Tew Cardenas LLP advised the County (letter attached) that all of their federal governmental consulting matters were transferred to Cardenas Partners LLC, including the County's contract. The same key personnel assigned to the County's contract at Tew Cardenas LLP will remain working on the contract for the new contractor, Cardenas Partners LLC. The transfer of contracts to the new entity was a business decision between the firms. The contract assignment will be retroactive to July 1, 2009.



Assistant County Manager

Attachments



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: January 21, 2010

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(O)(1)(F)

Please note any items checked.

- "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor

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Veto _____

1-21-10

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO RETROACTIVELY EXECUTE A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT TO THE CONTRACT FOR GOVERNMENTAL REPRESENTATION AND CONSULTING SERVICES IN WASHINGTON, D.C. TO ASSIGN THE CONTRACT FROM TEW CARDENAS LLP TO CARDENAS PARTNERS LLC. SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 1 TO CONTRACT NO. Q74C

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board approves Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to Contract No. Q74c for Governmental Representation and Consulting Services in Washington, D.C. to retroactively assign the contract from Tew Cardenas LLP to Cardenas Partners LLC, in substantially the form attached hereto and made a part hereof, and authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to execute same for and on behalf of Miami-Dade County.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Dennis C. Moss, Chairman

Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice-Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro

Carlos A. Gimenez

Barbara J. Jordan

Dorrin D. Rolle

Katy Sorenson

Sen. Javier D. Souto

Audrey M. Edmonson

Sally A. Heyman

Joe A. Martinez

Natacha Seijas

Rebeca Sosa

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 21st day of January, 2010. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Jess M. McCarty

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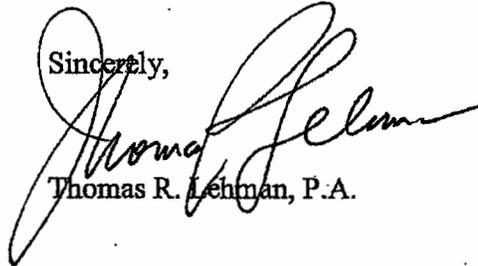
To whom it may concern:

I am the managing partner of Tew Cardenas LLP.

Al Cardenas is with our firm and is also a principal in Cardenas Partners LLC, a separate government consulting company. Tew Cardenas LLP transferred all of the federal government consulting matters to Cardenas Partners LLC effective July 1, 2009, this includes the contract with Miami Dade County. It is my understanding that Mr. Joe Rasco, Director, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, was notified of the transfer of the contract shortly after it occurred, and Cardenas Partners LLC has been billing Miami Dade County on a monthly basis. I enclose a copy of the notification.

There are no fees owed to our firm by Miami Dade County in this matter. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Thomas R. Lehman, P.A.

TRL/esf

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 1

Contract Number: **Q74c**

Contract Title: **Federal Governmental Representation and Consulting Services in Washington, DC**

Contractor: **Cardenas Partners, LLC
2200 S. Dixie Highway, Suite 400
Miami, FL 33133**

In accordance with the above referenced Contract, this supplement shall acknowledge the assignment of the contract from Tew Cardenas LLP to Cardenas Partners LLC effective July 1, 2009. Accordingly, Cardenas Partners LLC shall assume the obligations under the Contract and be bound by the provisions, duties, and liabilities of such Contract.

All terms, covenants and conditions of the original Contract shall remain in full force and effect, except to the extent herein amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Supplemental Agreement to County Contract No. Q74c effective upon execution.

Contractor

Miami-Dade County

Cardenas Partners LLC

By: *[Signature]*

By: _____

Name: Al Cardenas

Name: _____

Title: President

Title: _____

Date: 11-16-09

Date: _____

Attest: *[Signature]*
Corporate Secretary/Notary

Attest: _____
Clerk of the Board

Corporate Seal/Notary

Approved as to form
and legal sufficiency

NOTARY PUBLIC-STATE OF FLORIDA
Elsa S. Fresco
Commission #DD695044
Expires: SEP. 02, 2011
BONDED THRU ATLANTIC BONDING CO., INC.

Assistant County Attorney

Former Contractor

Tew Cardenas LLP

By:

Thomas R. Lehman

Name:

Thomas R. Lehman

Title:

Managing Partner

Date:

11-19-09

Attest:

Elsa S. Fresco
Corporate Secretary/Notary

Thomas R. Lehman, esq.
Attorney of Thomas R. Lehman, P.A.
Managing partner of
Tew Cardenas LLP

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