Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date:	April 16, 2013
To:	Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa and Members, Board of County Commissioners
From:	Carlos A. Gimenez Mayor
Subject:	Report on Market Research Regarding Community Based Organizations Interest and Capacity in Developing Regional Recreational Centers on County Owned Land

Supplement to
Agenda Item No. 8H1

Upon my request, a resolution waiving competitive bidding and authorizing the Mayor or Mayor's designee to negotiate programming partnership operating agreement(s) with the YMCA of Greater Miami, for the construction and operation of up to seven regional recreational centers on County park land, was deferred at the February 5, 2013 Board of County Commissioners Meeting (Board) to April 16, 2013. Although the Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department (PROS) had previously completed market research to determine if other non-profit agencies had the interest and capacity to carry out the proposed work, I requested the Internal Services Department (ISD) to issue a Request for Information (RFI) ensuring that an additional level of due diligence was completed.

On February 26, 2013, ISD issued the RFI to 43 community-based, non-profit organizations with a submittal deadline of March 22, 2013. The objective of the RFI was to gather information to assist the County in determining availability and interest by these agencies in regard to the most cost effective and beneficial way of financing, constructing and operating multiple Regional Recreational Centers (RRC) on County-owned park land. Respondents to this RFI were encouraged to provide information concerning the viability of successfully financing, designing, constructing, operating and maintaining multiple 40,000 square foot recreational facilities in specific County park sites. Furthermore, respondents were asked to provide: (1) proof of their capability to finance, design, construct, maintain and operate RRCs on County owned park land; (2) a draft time-line for the funding, design and construction of the RRCs with uniform construction and programming across all facilities preferred; and (3) three references to establish a proven record of building and operating such facilities in other jurisdictions within the past five years.

One response was received from the YMCA of Greater Miami. It is recommended that the Board, at its April 16 meeting, proceed with approving the waiver of competitive bidding and authorizing the Mayor or Mayor's designee to negotiate with the YMCA the construction and operation of up to seven Regional Recreational Centers on County park land. The proposed regional recreation centers will not replace current PROS programming, only enhance it. Under the agreements with the YMCA, the County will retain ownership of PROS park lands, and the agreements that will be taken back to the Board for approval will provide the County with the proper safeguards, monitoring and oversight.

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