

Memorandum



Date: January 15, 2015

To: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor

EDPC
Supplement to
Agenda Item No. 1G2

Subject: Creation of Architectural and Engineering Advisory Board (Legistar 142342)

The referenced Ordinance being considered by the Board of County Commissioners (Board) includes the creation of an Architectural and Engineering (A/E) Advisory Board. As required by Section 2-11.37 of the Miami-Dade County Code, after passage on first reading of an Ordinance creating a new advisory board, and prior to conducting the public hearing for said Ordinance, the Mayor shall submit to the Board a report that includes certain information concerning the proposed new advisory board. Please see the mandated questions and responses as they pertain to the creation of the A/E Advisory Board below:

1. Whether the establishment of the board will create sufficient betterment to the community to justify the Board's delegation of a portion of its authority;

Yes, the Small Business Enterprise (SBE) – A/E Advisory Board will allow certified SBE- A/E firms to voice their concerns and address issues regarding architectural and engineering opportunities, policies, and legislation related to County projects.

2. Whether another board or agency, either public or private, which is already in existence, could serve the same purpose;

There is no existing advisory board that addresses only SBE - A/E issues.

3. The costs, both direct and indirect, of establishing and maintaining the board;

There is no fiscal impact to the County with the establishment of this advisory board.

4. Whether the board is necessary to enable the County to obtain State or federal grants or other financing;

The creation of the A/E Advisory Board would not enable the County to obtain state, federal, or other financing.

5. Whether the board should have bonding authority;

This A/E Advisory Board will not have bonding authority.

6. Whether the board should have final authority to enter into contracts and spend County funds, or whether its contracts and expenditures must be ratified by the Board of County Commissioners; and

The A/E Advisory Board will only be advisory in nature and will not have contracting authority.

7. Whether the creation of a new board is the best method of achieving the desired benefit;

Yes, the creation of the A/E Advisory Board is the best method for achieving the desired benefit for SBE – A/E certified firms.

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