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To: All Prospective P3 Partners

Re: **Design-Build-Finance-Operate-Maintain Services for South Miami Heights Water Treatment Plant Program**

Dear Sir/Madam:

Miami-Dade County, through the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department (WASD) hereby solicits public comments in connection with the attached draft RFQ document. WASD is currently in the process of implementing a comprehensive Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) for numerous water and wastewater projects. One of the significant projects in the CIP is the South Miami Heights Water Treatment Plant (SMH WTP) Program. The SMH WTP seeks to improve WASD's reliability in water service and quality by allowing for the decommissioning of small satellite plants with many years of service. Implementation of the SMH WTP Program will benefit the consumers in the south Miami-Dade area and will bolster water treatment production capacity.

WASD is releasing this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) draft working document for the SMH WTP Program for the sole purpose of eliciting and gathering industry comment as an important stakeholder in the program. The comments received may be used by WASD in finalizing the RFQ. WASD will not be responsible for any cost incurred by the respondents in furnishing the information being requested herein.

All information being submitted is subject to Chapter §119 of the Florida Statutes, commonly known as the "Public Records Laws". Accordingly, do not submit any information the respondents consider to be a trade secret, proprietary, confidential or that violates any intellectual rights. WASD may make use of any information, materials, data and concepts disclosed by any respondent without limitation. The respondent's submittal explicitly entails a waiver of any claim it may have on the use by the County or its agents of any information, materials, data and concepts disclosed.

This is not a procurement solicitation and no award will be issued as a result of the responses received from the industry. WASD is merely soliciting industry comment to a draft working document. A response to this request is not mandatory for future participation on the procurement for the SMH WTP Program. Because this is not a procurement solicitation, the provisions of the County's Cone of Silence do not apply.

Respondents to the RFQ draft working document may request written clarifications and/or interpretations from WASD. A response to any request for clarification and/or interpretation shall be at the sole discretion of WASD and if deemed beneficial to our purpose. WASD shall endeavor to provide copies of any response to a request issued to any proposer requesting in writing to be copied. All submittals, questions and other correspondence to

WASD must include a letter of transmittal that identifies a key contact person, address, telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Electronic submittals will be accepted and encouraged.

All submittals shall be made to:

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For purposes only of this informational stage, the submittal deadline of March 18, 2015 has been established to allow the County sufficient time to consider the submittals in preparation of the final RFQ. Submittals received after that deadline will be considered only in the County's discretion. No submittal in response to this informational request will be considered following issuance by the County of the formal RFQ for the Project.

Very truly yours,



JC Arteaga, AIA, NCARB, CGC, CBO, LEED®AP
Deputy Director

Encl. Draft RFQ
cc: File