

# Memorandum



**Date:** October 9, 2025

**To:** Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

Supplement  
Agenda Item No. 8(A)(4)

**From:** Daniella Levine Cava  
Mayor

**Subject:** Supplemental Information Regarding Rejection of Bids Received in Connection with Miami International Airport's Airport Operations Center; Miami-Dade Aviation Department, Project No. P250A

## SUMMARY

On July 9, 2025, the Miami-Dade Airport Committee recommended further review of the recommendation to reject all bids in connection with Miami International Airport's Airport Operations Center, Project. No. P250A. The Committee directed the administration to consider all options to determine whether the rejection of bids could be reversed and a new solicitation avoided through award under the current solicitation, a Best and Final Offer (BAFO) process under the existing solicitation or some other mechanism.

Because this project was solicited as a price-based Invitation to Bid (ITB) for public construction, the Miami-Dade Aviation Department (MDAD) must "competitively award" the contract on the basis of sealed submissions and the information in the ITB—not post-opening negotiations. Because the ITB did not contemplate a BAFO process, soliciting or accepting a BAFO at this time limited to only those bidders that participated in the initial ITB solicitation would convert this ITB into a non-competitive procurement. MDAD staff reviewed, with County Attorney's Office (CAO), the exceptions to competitive bidding for construction projects set forth in Florida Statutes § 255.20(1)(c) (e.g., emergencies, no responsive bids, specified utility/maintenance circumstances), and determined that none apply here.

The recommendation to reverse the rejection was reviewed and it was concluded that MDAD is unable to negotiate with the lowest bidder because it is unclear which bidder has the lowest bid for the items needed for this project. After bid opening, the County identified a material inconsistency between the Schedule of Prices – Table A (as modified by Addendum Nos. 6 and 13) and Sections 1.3 and Section 14 of the Solicitation governing the basis of award. The sum of all of the items needed for the project as set forth in the bid form results in bidder "A" as the lowest bidder; however, the sum of items numbered 1 through 20 on the bid form (excluding the final 3 items on the bid sheet) results in bidder "B" as the lowest bidder. Because this inconsistency affects competitive standing and price evaluation, the County cannot waive or cure the issue post-opening without compromising the integrity of the bid process.

As previously mentioned, MDAD is reviewing and modifying the original scope of work. Re-advertising with the revised scope and requiring complete resubmission of prices gives every proposer an equal opportunity to re-estimate means and methods against the actual work, thereby mitigating any competitive harm from exposed pricing and restoring a level, transparent playing field.

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**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board proceed with rejecting all bids received for Project No. P250A, Miami International Airport (MIA) - Airport Operations Center.



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