

Memorandum



Date: September 8, 2026

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

SHC
Agenda Item No. 3(H)

From: Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor

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Subject: Request for Additional Expenditure Authority to Contract for Fire Alarms & Fire Detection Equipment

Executive Summary

This item is for additional expenditure authority for the purchase of fire alarm services for multiple County departments. The additional expenditure authority will allow departments to continue obtaining comprehensive services for fire alarm systems across County facilities throughout the remaining term of the contract. These systems are integrated with a network of other critical systems, including access controls, sprinklers, and elevator operations, ensuring coordinated responses during emergencies.

This contract enhances safety by ensuring early detection and maintaining systems to Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) standards, which reduces long-term costs by preserving equipment longevity, enhancing operational readiness, and supporting compliance with safety regulations. Without these services, the County risks potential fines from the Fire Marshal and may be required to place facilities on Fire Watch, resulting in significant overtime costs and operational interruptions.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve additional expenditure authority in the amount of \$1,170,000 for *Contract No. EVN0000649, Fire Alarms & Fire Detection Equipment*, for multiple County departments.

Background

This competitively established contract was approved on February 25, 2025 under the Mayor's delegated authority for a five-year term. County departments use this contract to purchase fire alarm inspection, maintenance, repair, monitoring, and emergency services to ensure compliance with safety regulations, maintain uninterrupted system operations, and support ongoing operational needs. There are two Groups: 1 - Fire Alarm System Services and 2 - Fire Alarm System Services (Federally Funded).

This contract ensures that all fire alarm systems are maintained to OEM standards, which are required to effectively detect and notify County facility occupants of potential life safety threats. Vendors are required to notify the appropriate County personnel and County Fire Marshall immediately upon identifying any system components that are inoperable, defective, or otherwise non-functional in a way that compromises system operation or compliance. The services under this contract are carried out in strict accordance with the National Electrical Code (NEC), the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards, the Florida Fire Prevention Code (FFPC), Florida Administrative Code (FAC) Chapter 69A-48, manufacturer specifications, and all other applicable laws. This ensures that County fire alarm systems remain operational and compliant at all times.

Additional allocation is being requested to support departmental needs as follows:

- Animal Services Department (ASD) is requesting an increase in allocation due to unforeseen repair costs and unplanned service needs associated with its fire alarm systems. ASD's remaining allocation is insufficient to cover ongoing service needs for the remainder of the contract term.

- Miami-Dade Aviation Department (MDAD) is requesting an increase in allocation due to rising costs associated with routine and corrective maintenance and increased costs of OEM parts, advancements in fire alarm and life-safety technology, and the continued acquisition of adjacent airport facilities. The allocation request will ensure uninterrupted service and compliance with applicable life-safety standards and industry's best practices.
- Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation Department (MDCR) is requesting an increase in allocation to support fire alarm inspection services and necessary repairs to maintain compliance with life-safety and fire code requirements across all facilities. MDCR's initial allocation has been exhausted due to the need for frequent repairs due to damage to fire alarms caused by inmates. Additional allocation is necessary to ensure system functionality, regulatory compliance, and the safety of staff and inmates.
- Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department (MDFR) is requesting an increase to continue obtaining monitoring, inspections, maintenance, and repair services across all MDFR sites and facilities. MDFR currently spends approximately \$8,097 per month on fire alarm services. Based on the department's historical expenditure trend, MDFR is requesting additional expenditure authority to ensure adequate funding is available for the duration of the contract.
- Water and Sewer Department (WASD) is requesting an increase in allocation as the initial allocation has been depleted due to expanded services and increased repairs to meet Fire Department compliance requirements at multiple WASD facilities. WASD's use of this contract supports comprehensive system testing, repair certification, annual inspections, and continuous monitoring across all facilities. Additional demand for these services is driven by ongoing new construction and aging infrastructure requiring frequent repairs. Maintaining fully operational fire alarm systems is critical for life safety, risk mitigation, and compliance with all applicable fire safety regulations.

Scope

The impact of this item is countywide in nature.

Delegated Authority

The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee will have the authority to exercise all provisions of the contract, including any cancellation or extensions, pursuant to Section 2-8.1 of the County Code and Implementing Order 3-38.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

The contract expires on March 31, 2030 and has a cumulative allocation of \$4,998,610. If this request is approved, the contract will have a modified cumulative allocation of \$6,168,610. The requested increase in expenditure authority is based on departments' projected needs for the remainder of the contract term.

Department	Existing Cumulative Allocation	Additional Allocation Requested	Modified Cumulative Allocation	Funding Source	Budgeted
ASD	\$18,144	\$45,000	\$63,144	General Fund	FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget, Volume 3, Page 25, Other Operating

Department	Existing Cumulative Allocation	Additional Allocation Requested	Modified Cumulative Allocation	Funding Source	Budgeted
MDAD	\$321,172	\$134,000	\$455,172	Proprietary Funds	FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget, Volume 3, Page 203, Contractual Services
MDCR	\$445,996	\$150,000	\$595,996	General Fund	FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget, Volume 2, Page 54, Other Operating
MDFR	\$224,028	\$400,000	\$624,028	General Fund	FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget, Volume 2, Page 76, Other Operating
WASD	\$402,756	\$441,000	\$843,756	Proprietary Funds	FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget, Volume 3, Page 100, Contractual Services
Multiple	\$3,586,514	\$0	\$3,586,514	Multiple	
Total	\$4,998,610	\$1,170,000	\$6,168,610		

Track Record/Monitor

Robert Mendoza of the Strategic Procurement Department (SPD) is the Procurement Contracting Manager.

Awarded Vendors

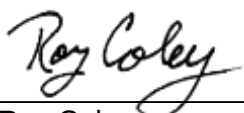
Vendor	Principal Address	Local Address	Principal
Florida Fire Alarm, Inc. (SBE)	10281 SW 72 Street, Suite 106 Miami, FL	Same	Carlos Javech
Metro Dade Security System, Inc.	8491 NW 17 Street, Suite 101 Doral, FL	Same	Dorys Martinez

Due Diligence

Pursuant to Resolution No. R-187-12, due diligence was conducted in accordance with SPD's Procurement Guidelines to determine vendor responsibility, including verifying corporate status and that there are no performance and compliance issues through various vendor responsibility lists and a keyword internet search. The lists that were referenced included convicted vendors, debarred vendors, delinquent contractors, suspended vendors, and federal excluded parties. There were no adverse findings relating to vendor responsibility.

Applicability of Ordinances and Contract Measures

- The two percent User Access Program applies where permitted by funding source.
- The Small Business Enterprise Bid Preference applied to Group 1.
- The Local Preference applied to Group 1.
- The Living Wage Ordinance applies to Group 1.



Roy Coley
Deputy Mayor



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

DATE: October 6, 2026

FROM: 
Gen Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No.

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
- ☐ Statement of social equity required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☐ No committee review
- ☒ Requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, majority plus one ____, CDMP 7 votes (majority of membership) ____, CDMP 2/3 members present but not less than 7 votes (majority of membership) ____, CDMP 9 votes (2/3 membership) ____) to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

Agenda Item No.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,170,000.00 FOR A TOTAL MODIFIED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$6,168,610.00 FOR CONTRACT NO. EVN0000649, FIRE ALARMS & FIRE DETECTION EQUIPMENT, FOR MULTIPLE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE ALL PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACT, INCLUDING ANY CANCELLATION OR EXTENSIONS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-8.1 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA AND IMPLEMENTING ORDER 3-38

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:

Section 1. This Board authorizes additional expenditure authority in the amount of \$1,170,000.00 for a total modified contract amount of \$6,168,610.00 for Contract No. EVN0000649, Fire Alarms & Fire Detection Equipment, for multiple County departments.

Section 2. This Board authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to exercise all provisions of the contract, including any cancellation or extensions, pursuant to section 2-8.1 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida and Implementing Order 3-38. A copy of the contract document is on file with and available upon request from the Strategic Procurement Department.

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:

Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman	
Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman	
Marleine Bastien	Juan Carlos Bermudez
Sen. René García	Oliver G. Gilbert, III
Roberto J. Gonzalez	Keon Hardemon
Danielle Cohen Higgins	Vicki L. Lopez
Natalie Milian Orbis	Raquel A. Regalado
Micky Steinberg	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 6th day of October, 2026. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

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

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Eduardo W. Gonzalez

