

Memorandum



Date: September 1, 2026

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

From: Daniella Levine Cava 
Mayor

Supplement to
Agenda Item No. 5(E)

Subject: Fiscal Impact and Social Equity Statement for Ordinance Relating to Recommendations from the Final Report of the Special Task Force to Reduce Inefficiencies in Procurement – Legistar No. 261345

The proposed ordinance amends Section 2-8.4 of the Code of Miami-Dade County and updates Implementing Order 3-21, based on recommendations by the Special Task Force to Reduce Inefficiencies in Procurement in its Final Report to the Board issued on May 19, 2026. Of the fifty-nine (59) recommendations, this item specifically implements or supports Recommendations 31, 49, 50, 51, 52, and 53, including but not limited to establishing a five-day objection period after the first step in a two-step qualification-based competitive solicitation; permitting motions to dismiss in protest proceedings; creating a centralized, automated online portal for use in the protest process; raising the upper limit for a protest to be considered informal to \$5 million; and implementing strict electronic protest filing deadlines.

Fiscal Impact Statement

The exact fiscal impact of this ordinance cannot be quantified at this time. The possible fiscal impacts are as follows:

- Recommendations 49, 50, 52, and 53 may have a positive fiscal impact because they would generally streamline the protest process, such as simplifying the protest process for awards under the Mayor's delegated authority (52).¹
- Recommendation 51 proposing creation of a centralized, automated online portal for filing protests may require further budget consideration. Recommendation 51 also appears to mistakenly put responsibility to manage the protest process under the County Mayor, rather than the Clerk of the Board, and it would require coordination with the Clerk of the Board to identify legally available funding and to implement. This recommendation would have to be deferred to the Clerk of the Board to evaluate the fiscal or operational impacts associated with implementation. It should be noted that Recommendation 53 would be contingent upon the implementation of the online portal.²
- Recommendation 31 adds an additional step to the procurement process for certain solicitations.³

Social Equity Statement

The possible social equity benefits or burdens of the ordinance are as follows:

- The implementation of portions of this ordinance, specifically Recommendations 51, 52, and 53, could provide a social equity benefit for bidders due to streamlining and modernizing the protest process while preserving transparency by providing a single electronic intake point for bid protests with strict filing deadlines (51 and 53) and simplifying the protest process for awards under the Mayor's delegated authority (52).
- Recommendations 49 and 50 could result in a social burden to businesses who may be discouraged from filing protests due to possibly being liable for County and the other party's attorney fees (49) or the possibility that a hearing may be dismissed without being heard (50).
- Recommendation 31 could provide a social equity benefit as it will provide notice to vendors regarding the Step 1 process results.

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The Administration looks forward to our continued collaboration with the Chairman of the Board in making the procurement process more efficient while maintaining equity and transparency.



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¹ Recommendation 49 (relating to the recovery of attorney's fees in frivolous bid protest proceedings) is implemented in Section 1 of the ordinance (Page MDC006). Recommendation 50 (recommending the use of motions to dismiss in bid protest proceedings) is implemented in Section 1 and 2 of the ordinance (Page MDC006, MDC008). Recommendation 52 (recommending the raising of the threshold for an informal protest up to \$5,000,000) is in Section 2 (Page MDC008). Recommendation 53 (relating to the implementation of strict electronic filing deadlines in the bid protest process) is implemented in Section 3 of the ordinance (MDC008).

² Recommendation 51 (recommending the creation of a centralized, automated online portal for use in the protest process) is implemented in Section 3 of the ordinance (Page MDC008).

³ Recommendation 31 (relating to the addition of a 5-day objection period after the first step in a two-step qualification-based competitive procurement) is implemented in Section 1 and 2 of the ordinance (Page MDC006, MDC008).