

Memorandum



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

Supplement to
Agenda Item No. 5(H)

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Mayor

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. 261367

The proposed ordinance amends Sections 2-11.1 of the Code of Miami-Dade County and updates Implementing Orders 3-34 and 3-39, 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 16, 17, 21, 22, 26, and 35, including but not limited to changing Competitive Selection Committee (CSC) requirements, establishing procedures for technology use in oral presentations, and creating a Large Local Employers (LLE) category to provide an advantage to such firms through points on architectural and engineering (A&E) solicitations.

Fiscal Impact Statement

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

- Changes to the CSC composition (such as Recommendation 16 to increase the threshold for a three-member CSC) will have a positive fiscal impact because smaller committees streamline work and expedite the process. Additional requirements (such as Recommendation 17 requiring members to disclose all prior employment via a sworn statement or affidavit for no identifiable purpose) may result in delays in convening the CSC, and inevitably could result in inadvertent errors and challenges that delay the process.¹
- Recommendation 35 creates a definition for LLE, which could result in a negative fiscal impact to the County, as it will require additional staff time to determine applicability. The proposed unverifiable provisions will add greater complexity to the application of Local Preference for A&E solicitations. There may also be a negative fiscal impact to vendors who will have to collect more information to claim the LLE, as such information may not be readily available to the staff submitting a proposal.²
- Recommendations 21 and 22 increase administrative burdens and may result in challenges by vendors, which would result in negative fiscal impacts.³
- There is no anticipated fiscal impact associated with Recommendation 26 to require closed oral presentations.⁴

Social Equity Statement

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

- The implementation of portions of this ordinance, specifically Recommendation 16 and part of Recommendation 17 could provide a social equity benefit for proposers due to streamlining the evaluation phase.
- Recommendation 22 could provide a social equity benefit for proposers as they will have to use the same standard technology provided by the County for oral presentations on certain projects.
- Recommendation 21 could result in a social equity burden on individuals serving on a selection committee. Currently, CSC members are encouraged to discuss proposals and then their scores are read aloud and

tabulated. Changing this practice to require each CSC member to articulate a rationale for their scoring will add time to the meetings, especially when there are multiple proposals, and will inevitably lead to challenges by lobbyists or vendors, which will result in delays. This recommendation can also impact the ability to empanel the most qualified CSC members, as staff may not be comfortable with having to detail their thought process in public meetings. Similar to other jurisdictions, such as Miami Beach, CSC members should be encouraged, not required, to publicly discuss their evaluation of proposals.

- Similarly, part of Recommendation 17 could result in a social equity burden by requiring potential CSC members to disclose all prior employment with no intended use of such information by the County. Collecting information for no purpose is unnecessarily intrusive and does not streamline the process. It should be noted that Section 2-11.1 of the Code of Miami-Dade County has a two-year conflict period for prior employment which is, therefore, the threshold currently used for employment history.
- Recommendation 26 to allow closed oral presentations is consistent with state law, but the practice for the County has been to publicly advertise all evaluation meetings to comply with the Cone of Silence and to provide transparency, which could be considered a social equity benefit.
- Recommendation 35 for the new LLE category on A&E solicitations would disadvantage any firm that does not meet the new category qualifications, which would include some small and local businesses. Historically, the Board of County Commissioners has supported legislation that enables small and local businesses to thrive, as they are an essential part of our County's economy. This recommendation also creates a social equity burden for both the LLE businesses and the County to figure out if a firm qualifies for the advantage, given the subjectivity involved in defining what constitutes an LLE business, which will inevitably lead to challenges by lobbyists or vendors.

Additional time for consideration of these significant changes would allow small and local businesses that were unable to participate in the STRIP process to more thoroughly analyze the impacts and provide valuable feedback to the Board and Administration.



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¹ Recommendation 16 (relating to the size and composition of competitive selection committees and the elimination of the practice of dropping the lowest score in architectural and engineering procurements) is implemented in Sections 2, 4, 5, and 7 of the ordinance (Page MDC009, MDC010, MDC011). Recommendation 17 (relating to selection committee expertise, training and County departmental involvement) is in Section 3, 4, 8, 9 of the ordinance (Page MDC009, MDC010, and MDC011).

² Recommendation 35 (relating to the creation of a separate category of local business, a "Large Local Employer" to be used in the procurement process for the acquisition of professional services) is implemented in Section 6 and 7 of the ordinance (Page MDC010 and MDC011)

³ Recommendation 21 (relating to standardized evaluation committee instructions requiring committee members to articulate the rationale supporting their scoring decisions and recommendations to advance proposers) is implemented in Section 10 of the ordinance (Page MDC012). Recommendation 22 (relating to standardized presentation technology during oral presentations and for competitive procurements with an estimated value of less than \$5,000,000.00) is implemented in Section 11 of the ordinance (Page MDC012).

⁴ Recommendation 26 (relating to amendments to the County's Cone of Silence provisions governing oral presentations) is implemented in Section 1 (MDC008).