

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(3)

TO: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: March 19, 2024

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the County Mayor in coordination with the Office of the Chair to advertise by no later than March 22, 2024 a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for and on behalf of Miami-Dade County to obtain governmental representation and consulting services before the State of Florida's legislative and executive branches; appointing a competitive selection committee; waiving the requirements of Implementing Order 3-34 related to the formation and performance of selection committees; waiving the requirements of section 2-8.5 of the Miami-Dade County Code related to local preference; and waiving, by a two-thirds vote of Board members present, the requirements of sections 2-8.3 and 2-8.4 of the Miami-Dade County Code pertaining to bid protests

Resolution No. R-228-24

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III.


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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
- ☒ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present ☒, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) ____ to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved *Daniella Levine Carr* Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION NO. R-228-24

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE IN COORDINATION WITH THE OFFICE OF THE CHAIR TO ADVERTISE BY NO LATER THAN MARCH 22, 2024 A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) FOR AND ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO OBTAIN GOVERNMENTAL REPRESENTATION AND CONSULTING SERVICES BEFORE THE STATE OF FLORIDA'S LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE BRANCHES; APPOINTING A COMPETITIVE SELECTION COMMITTEE; WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS OF IMPLEMENTING ORDER 3-34 RELATED TO THE FORMATION AND PERFORMANCE OF SELECTION COMMITTEES; WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 2-8.5 OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CODE RELATED TO LOCAL PREFERENCE; AND WAIVING, BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT, THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTIONS 2-8.3 AND 2-8.4 OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CODE PERTAINING TO BID PROTESTS

WHEREAS, currently, Miami-Dade County's five contracts for governmental representation and consulting services before the State of Florida's legislative and executive branches (the "state lobbying contracts"), approved by the Board pursuant to Resolution No. R-718-22, are on a renewal term that will expire on or about August 2024; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to authorize the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee, in coordination with the Office of Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III (the "Chair"), to advertise a solicitation for new state lobbying contracts; and

WHEREAS, this Board requires that the competitive solicitation provide that the Board selects the highest qualified firm(s) in its sole discretion; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to appoint a competitive selection committee comprising of the members of the Chairman’s Policy Council and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee as designated by the Chair to review the proposals received for the competitive solicitation and for the Board to receive the results of the selection committee’s review; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to waive the requirements of Implementing Order 3-34 relating to the formation and performance of selection committees; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to waive the requirements of section 2-8.5 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida (the “Code”) relating to local preference; and

WHEREAS, this Board finds it in the County’s best interest to waive the requirements of sections 2-8.3 and 2-8.4 of the Code pertaining to bid protests; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to advertise the competitive solicitation for the state lobbying contracts no later than March 22, 2024 with the goal of having the state lobbying contracts and awards in place immediately upon the expiration of the current term of the state lobbying contracts,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein and are approved.

Section 2. This Board authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee, in coordination with the Office of the Chair, to advertise by no later than March 22, 2024 a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for and on behalf of Miami-Dade County to obtain governmental representation and consulting services before the State of Florida’s legislative and executive branches.

Section 3. This Board appoints the members of the Chairman's Policy Council and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee as designated by the Chair to serve on the competitive selection committee. All competitive selection committee meetings shall be duly noticed as public meetings in compliance with section 2-11.1(t) of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The competitive selection committee shall review and evaluate the proposals received in response to the RFQ and may recommend a shortlist of the most qualified firms to the Board. The Board further authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to designate an employee of the Strategic Procurement Department as the Selection Committee Coordinator to administer the process and transmit the results to the Board.

Section 4. To implement the appointment of the competitive selection committee set forth in this resolution, this Board waives the requirements of Implementing Order 3-34 relating to the formation and performance of selection committees.

Section 5. This Board waives the requirements of section 2-8.5 of the Code relating to local preference.

Section 6. This Board waives, by a two-thirds vote of Board members present, the procedures contained in sections 2-8.3 and 2-8.4 of the Code pertaining to bid protests relating to the RFQ.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III. It was offered by Commissioner **Eileen Higgins**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Anthony Rodriguez** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman	aye		
Anthony Rodríguez, Vice Chairman	aye		
Marleine Bastien	aye	Juan Carlos Bermudez	aye
Kevin Marino Cabrera	aye	Sen. René García	aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye	Keon Hardemon	aye
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye	Eileen Higgins	aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 19th day of March, 2024. 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: Basia Pruna
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Eduardo W. Gonzalez
Javier Zapata