

Date: September 3, 2025

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

Agenda Item No. 8(P)(2)

From: Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor

Resolution No. R-870-25

Subject: Recommendation to Award a Contract for Grounds Maintenance Services for MIA

Summary

This item is for the purchase of grounds maintenance services for Miami International Airport (MIA) for the Miami-Dade Aviation Department (MDAD). These services are essential for maintaining the appearance of MDAD properties and in preserving the value of the investments in MDAD's plant material. Services include turf mowing, grass trimming, pruning, edging, weed and vine control, leaf removal, landscape material maintenance, clean yard trash pickup and disposal, tree and palm pruning and trimming, pest and disease control, fertilization, mulching, irrigation repairs, bulky waste pickup and disposal, removal of staking and guying material, and watering.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve a competitive contract award, *Contract No. EVN0012788, Grounds Maintenance Services for MIA*, to Jireh Landscaping, Corp. in the amount of \$11,693,867 for a five-year term for MDAD. This contract will replace *EVN0000267, Grounds Maintenance for MDAD*, approved under the Mayor's delegated authority.

Background

MDAD is currently receiving services under *EVN0000267*, a contract competitively awarded under *Pre-Qualification Pool No. 9743-0/23, Grounds Maintenance and Pest Control*. The contract expires on September 30, 2025, and provides for grounds maintenance services at MIA and surrounding MDAD properties including landscape maintenance, pest control, irrigation system repairs, and trash pickup. Following the implementation of the County's Janitorial and Landscaping Services (JLS) Program, it was determined that services for the General Aviation Airports (GAA) would be procured through the JLS program. However, services for MIA would be procured through a separate solicitation because the estimated cost of services for MIA exceeded the threshold permitted by the JLS program. Dividing the services for MIA was not practical, as having multiple vendors at the same airport conducting similar services may cause conflicts and make management of services extremely difficult. Furthermore, additional MDAD personnel would be needed to manage contract services under those conditions.

An Invitation to Bid was issued on November 21, 2024, for services at MIA and surrounding MDAD properties. This solicitation was set-aside for certified Small Business Enterprises. On the closing date of January 23, 2025, the County received eleven bids, all from local firms. All bids were submitted to the Office of Small Business Development (SBD) for review of bidders' compliance with the set-aside measure for this solicitation. On February 26, 2025, SBD deemed four bids non-compliant.

Scope

MIA is located within District 6, which is represented by Commissioner Natalie Milian Orbis; however, the impact of this item is countywide in nature.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

The fiscal impact for the five-year term is \$11,693,867. The current contract is valued at \$7,156,730 for a two-year term and expires on September 30, 2025. The annualized allocation under the proposed contract is lower than the current contract due to the separation of services for the GAA and lower pricing offered by the recommended bidder for fertilization and mulching services at all locations.

Department	Allocation	Funding Source	Contract Manager
MDAD	\$11,693,867	Proprietary Funds	Sylvia Novela
Total	\$11,693,867		

Track Record/Monitor

Marie Williams of the Strategic Procurement Department (SPD) is the Procurement Contracting Manager.

Delegated Authority

If this item is approved, the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee will have the authority to give notice of this award to the recommended vendor, issue the appropriate purchase orders to give effect to same and 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.

Vendor Recommended for Award

Vendor	Principal Address	Local Address	Number of Employee Residents	Principal
			1) Miami-Dade 2) Percentage*	
Jireh Landscaping, Corp. (SBE)	15010 Jackson Street Miami, FL	Same	14	Romy Ramirez
			56%	

*Provided pursuant to Resolution No. R-1011-15. Percentage of employee residents is the percentage of vendor's employees who reside in Miami-Dade County as compared to the vendor's total workforce.

Vendors Not Recommended for Award

Vendor	Local Address	Reason for Not Recommending
Crodon, Inc.	Yes	Deemed non-compliant by SBD (memo attached)
JMP Group, LLC	Yes	
Mora United, LLC	Yes	
Prospero Maintenance, Inc.	Yes	
A Native Tree Services, Inc.	Yes	Higher than lowest bid
Coco Tree Service Group, Corp.	Yes	
Ginley Lawn Service & Landscaping, Inc.	Yes	
McIntyre Maintenance, Inc.	Yes	
Vision of Verdancy Landscaping, LLC	Yes	
Charles Enterprise Group, LLC	Yes	Deemed non-responsible, as bidder cannot fulfill contractual obligations for the price they bid.

Due Diligence

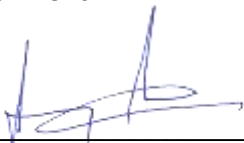
Pursuant to Resolution No. R-187-12, due diligence was conducted in accordance with SPD's Procurement Guidelines to determine vendor responsibility, including verifying corporate status and that there are no performance and compliance issues through various vendor responsibility lists and a keyword internet 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.

Pursuant to Resolution No. R-140-15, prior to re-procurement, a full review of the scope of services was conducted to ensure the replacement contract reflects the County's current needs. The review included conducting market research, posting a draft solicitation for industry comment, and holding meetings and drafting sessions with the user department. The scope of services was updated to include two new sites in the vicinity of MIA.

Applicability of Ordinances and Contract Measures

- The User Access Program applies where permitted by funding source.
- The SBE set-aside and Local Preference applied.
- The Living Wage Ordinance applies.

Attachment

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Jimmy Morales
Chief Operating Officer



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

DATE: September 3, 2025

FROM: 
Glen Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(P)(2)

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 ____, majority plus one ____, 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) ____, 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 _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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9-3-25

RESOLUTION NO. R-870-25

RESOLUTION APPROVING AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. EVN0012788 TO JIREH LANDSCAPING, CORP. FOR GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$11,693,867.00 FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM FOR THE MIAMI-DADE AVIATION DEPARTMENT; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO GIVE NOTICE OF THIS AWARD TO THE RECOMMENDED VENDOR, ISSUE THE APPROPRIATE PURCHASE ORDERS TO GIVE EFFECT TO SAME, AND 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 award of Contract No. EVN0012788 to Jireh Landscaping, Corp. for Grounds Maintenance Services for Miami International Airport in a total amount not to exceed \$11,693,867.00 for a five-year term for the Miami-Dade Aviation Department.

Section 2. This Board authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to give notice of this award to the recommended vendor, issue the appropriate purchase orders to give effect to same, and 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.

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

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of September, 2025. 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.

DMM

David M. Murray

Memorandum



DATE: February 26, 2025

TO: Namita Uppal, Director
Strategic Procurement Department

FROM: Gary Hartfield, Director
Office of Small Business Development

SUBJECT: Compliance Review
EVN0012788, Ground Maintenance Services For MIA

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The Office of Small Business Development (SBD) has completed its review of the subject project for compliance with the Small Business Enterprise Program for Goods and Services (SBE-G/S). The contract measures established for this project is a **100%** SBE-Services Set-Aside measure with the exception to Arborist, Pest Control, and Lawn Sprinkler repair services which can be subcontracted out to a non-SBE contractor.

The Strategic Procurement Department submitted a copy of the **Invitation to Bid (ITB)** solicitation package, and Certificate of Assurance (COA) affidavits from the firms listed below. A Utilization Plan (UP) was requested from each firm via SBD's Business Management Workforce System (BMWS). The following is the pre-award compliance status and summary:

100% SBE SET-ASIDE:

STATUS

1. A Native Tree Service, Inc.	Compliant
2. Charles Enterprise Group, LLC.	Compliant
3. Coco Tree Service Group, LLC.	Compliant
4. Crodon, Inc.	Non-Compliant
5. Ginley Lawn Service & Landscaping, Inc.	Compliant
6. Jireh Landscaping Corporation	Compliant
7. JMP Group, LLC.	Non-Compliant
8. McIntyre Maintenance, Inc.	Compliant
9. Mora United LLC.	Non-Compliant
10. Prospero Maintenance, Inc.	Non-Compliant
11. Vision of Verdancy Landscaping, LLC.	Compliant

SUMMARY:

A Native Tree Service, Inc. (#1), a certified SBE-G/S firm, submitted the required COA form committing to self-perform Grounds Maintenance Services with its own forces. The UP submitted by **A Native Tree Services, Inc.**, was approved pursuant to the firm's commitment to self-perform 100% of required services with its own forces.

A Native Tree Service, Inc., is **in compliance** with the 100% SBE- Services Measure established for this contract and is compliant with Implementing Order 3-41, which governs the SBE-G/S program.

Charles Enterprise Group, LLC. (#2), a certified SBE-G/S firm, submitted the required COA form committing to self-perform Grounds Maintenance Services with its own forces. The UP submitted by **Charles Enterprise Group, LLC.** was approved pursuant to the firm's commitment to self-perform 100% of the required services with its own forces.

Charles Enterprise Group, LLC. is **in compliance** with the 100% SBE- Services measure established for this contract and is compliant with Implementing Order 3-41, which governs the SBE-G/S program.

Coco Tree Service Group, LLC. (#3), a certified SBE-G/S firm, submitted the required COA form committing to self-perform Grounds Maintenance Services with its own forces. The UP submitted by **Coco Tree Service Group, LLC.** was approved pursuant to the firm's commitment to self-perform 100% of the required services with its own forces.

Coco Tree Service Group, LLC. is **in compliance** with the 100% SBE- Services measure established for this contract and is compliant with Implementing Order 3-41, which governs the SBE-G/S program.

Crodon, Inc. (#4), a certified SBE-G/S firm, failed to submit the required COA form at the time of bid submittal. The established measure for the subject solicitation was a 100% SBE-G/S Set-Aside. As such, **Crodon, Inc.** is being deemed non-compliant. Pursuant to Section VII(A) of Implementing Order 3-41, Small Business Enterprise Program for the purchase of Goods and Services, states the following:

1. *Bid documents shall require bidders to submit a completed Certificate of Assurance at the time of bid submission, Failure to submit the required Certificate of Assurance and Utilization Plan shall deem the bid/proposal non-compliant.*

Crodon, Inc. was notified of their **non-compliant** status on February 12, 2025.

Ginley Lawn Service & Landscaping, Inc. (#5), a certified SBE-G/S firm, submitted the required COA form committing to self-perform Grounds Maintenance Services with its own forces. The UP submitted by **Ginley Lawn Service & Landscaping, Inc.** was approved pursuant to the firm's commitment to self-perform 100% of the required services with its own forces.

Ginley Lawn Service & Landscaping, Inc. is **in compliance** with the 100% SBE- Services measure established for this contract and is compliant with Implementing Order 3-41, which governs the SBE-G/S program.

Jireh Landscaping Corporation (#6), a certified SBE-G/S firm, submitted the required COA form committing to self-perform Grounds Maintenance Services with its own forces. The UP submitted by **Jireh Landscaping Corporation** was approved pursuant to the firm's commitment to self-perform 100% of required services with its own forces.

Jireh Landscaping Corporation is **in compliance** with the 100% SBE- Services measure established for this contract and is compliant with Implementing Order 3-41, which governs the SBE-G/S program.

JMP GROUP, LLC. (#7), a non-certified SBE-(G/S) firm, submitted the required COA form committing to self-perform Grounds Maintenance Services with its own forces. The established measure for the subject solicitation was a 100% SBE-G/S Set-Aside. However, JMP GROUP, LLC. does not hold a valid SBE certification. As such, JMP Group, LLC. is deemed **non-compliant**. Pursuant to Section IV. B. 8. of Implementing Order 3-41, Small Business Enterprise Program for the purchase of Goods and Services, states the following: "A SBE must have a valid certification in effect at time of bid submittal."

JMP GROUP, LLC was notified of their **non-compliant** status on February 13, 2025.

McIntyre Maintenance, Inc. (#8) a certified SBE-G/S firm, submitted the required COA form committing to perform Grounds Maintenance Services. The UP submitted by **McIntyre Maintenance, Inc.** was approved pursuant to the firm's commitment to self-performing 90% of the required services with its own forces and subcontractor **Big Ron Tree Services, LLC.** to perform 10% of Arborist, Tree Trimming and pruning services. The UP submitted by **McIntyre Maintenance, Inc.** was confirmed by the subcontractor and approved pursuant to the firm's commitment to achieve the stated SBE-(G/S) measures, respectively.

McIntyre Maintenance, Inc. is **in compliance** with the 100% SBE- Services measure established for this contract and is compliant with Implementing Order 3-41, which governs the SBE-G/S program.

Mora United, LLC. (#9) a certified SBE-G/S firm, submitted the required COA, however, SBD Certification division has confirmed that **Mora United, LLC.** is currently SBE certified only inclusive of trades (NIGP) **not applicable** to the scope of work associated to the referenced solicitation - As such, Mora United, LLC. is being deemed **non-compliant**, pursuant to Section IV. B. 8. of Implementing Order 3-41, Small Business Enterprise Program for the purchase of Goods and Services that states the following:

"A SBE must have a valid certification in effect at time of bid submittal. For successful bidders, certification must be maintained from a bid award throughout the duration of the agreement."

Mora United, LLC. was notified of their **non-compliant** status on February 18, 2025.

Prospero Maintenance, Inc. (#10), a non-certified SBE-(G/S) firm, submitted the required COA form committing to self-perform Grounds Maintenance Services with its own forces. However, Prospero Maintenance Inc. does not hold a valid SBE certification. As such, Prospero Maintenance, Inc. is deemed **non-compliant**. Pursuant to Section IV. B. 8. of Implementing Order 3-41, Small Business Enterprise Program for the purchase of Goods and Services, states the following:
"A SBE must have a valid certification in effect at time of bid submittal."

Prospero Maintenance, Inc. was notified of their **non-compliant** status on February 13, 2025.

Vision of Verdancy Landscaping, LLC. (#11), a certified SBE-G/S firm, submitted the required COA form committing to self-perform Grounds Maintenance Services with its own forces. The UP submitted by **Vision of Verdancy Landscaping, LLC.** was approved pursuant to the firm's commitment to self-perform 100% of the required services with its own forces.

Vision of Verdancy Landscaping, LLC. is **in compliance** with the 100% SBE- Services measure established for this contract and is compliant with Implementing Order 3-41, which governs the SBE-G/S program.

As of February 18, 2025, SBD has verified that none of the aforementioned firms are listed with an open violation on the Compliance Report of Open and Closed Small Business, Wage and/or Workforce Violations in the last three (3) years.

Please note that SBD's staff reviewed the specifics for compliance with the SBE-G/S program. The Strategic Procurement Department is responsible for any other issues that may exist.

Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to call Etheria Rolle-Collie, SBD Section Manager, at (305) 375-3190.

cc: Laurie Johnson, SBD
Heylicken Espinoza, SPD
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