

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 8(O)(1)

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

DATE: July 16, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution ratifying the actions of the County Mayor, pursuant to section 2-8.2.12 of the Code, the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department's Acceleration Ordinance: (1) rejecting all bids for Contract No. S-20072, furnish and install 36-inch force main at N.W. 42nd Avenue from E. 57th Street to south of N.W. 128th Street, and (2) re-advertising the project

Resolution No. R-760-25

The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Water and Sewer Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator René García.



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From: Daniella Levine Cava *Daniella Levine Cava*
Mayor

Subject: Resolution Ratifying the Actions of the County Mayor or County Mayor's Designee to
Reject All Bids and Re-Advertise Contract No. S-20072, Furnish and Install 36-Inch
Force Main at N.W. 42nd Avenue from E. 57th Street to South of N.W. 128th Street

Executive Summary

This item seeks ratification from the Board of County Commissioners (the Board) of: (1) the rejection of all bids received in response to a competitive solicitation for the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department (WASD) issued on August 8, 2024, for Contract No. S-20072, Furnish and Install 36-Inch Force Main at N.W. 42nd Avenue from E. 57th Street to South of N.W. 128th Street (the Project), and (2) the re-advertisement of the Project.

Based on the Florida Legislature's adoption of HB 705 after this Project was advertised but before bids were received, the Small Business Enterprise (SBE) goals set for the Project were challenged. As a result of the bid protests that arose, Contract No. S-20072 was rejected. Following the rejection of all bids, on February 13, 2025, WASD issued a new solicitation for this Project as Contract No. S-20072R and opened the new bids on March 19, 2025. The new solicitation did not include any SBE goals, and a subsequent award will be presented to the Board for ratification.

The scope of work for this Contract was to provide a redundant 36-inch diameter force main and install 5,200 linear feet of new force main along N.W. 42nd Avenue from Pump Station 348 to an existing 48-inch force main at N.W. 125th Street and N.W. 42nd Avenue. The new force main will enhance system reliability and provide service redundancy for Pump Station 348, which serves over half of the sewer demand generated by the City of Hialeah. By increasing the capacity and reliability of the sewer system, this Project will significantly improve WASD's ability to manage and maintain essential services for the community, which made it vital that WASD re-issue the solicitation for this Project as soon as possible.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board ratify the actions of the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee rejecting all bids for Contract No. S-20072 and re-advertising the Project as Contract No. S-20072R.

Scope

The Project is to be performed at N.W. 42nd Avenue from E. 57th Street to South of N.W. 128th Street in District 13, which is represented by Senator Rene Garcia.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with the rejection of all bids and the re-advertisement of the Contract.

Delegation of Authority

Based on the Florida Legislature's adoption of HB 705 after this Project was advertised but before bids were received, the SBE goals set for the Project were challenged. As a result of the protests that arose, the bids for Contract No. S-20072 were rejected. Section 2-8.2.12 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida

(WASD's Acceleration Ordinance) delegates authority to the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to, among other things, reject bids, subject to ratification by the Board.

Track Record/Monitoring

WASD's Deputy Director of Planning, Regulatory Compliance, and Capital Infrastructure, Marisela Aranguiz-Cueto, P.E., will oversee the implementation of this Project.

Background

On September 3, 2014, the Board approved Ordinance No. 14-77 authorizing the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to award contracts for funded capital projects and related goods and services, to reject bids and proposals received in connection with any competitive procurement, and to accelerate the approval of WASD's: (1) Consent Decree projects, and (2) projects identified in WASD Multi-Year Capital Plan's Capital Improvement Program without the need for prior Board approval but subject to ratification by the Board.

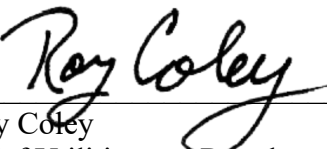
The Project involves installation of a redundant 36-inch diameter force main by installing 5,200 linear feet of new force main along N.W. 42nd Avenue from Pump Station 348 to an existing 48-inch force main at N.W. 125th Street and N.W. 42nd Avenue. The new force main will enhance system reliability and provide service redundancy for Pump Station 348, which serves over half of the sewer demand generated by the City of Hialeah.

The original solicitation was advertised in August 2024, and bids were received and opened on September 17, 2024. Because Contract measures were assigned for Contract No. S-20072, the three (3) lowest bids were forwarded to SBD for a Compliance Review. On October 7, 2024, SBD found both Acosta and Amici to be compliant with the small business measures established for Contract No. S-20072 and verified that there were no Compliance Reports of Open and Closed Small Business, Wage and/or Workforce Violations for either firm in the last three (3) years.

On November 14, 2024, WASD awarded Contract No. S-20072 to Acosta and provided the required three-day notice to all bidders. On November 18, 2024, Amici filed a timely protest of the award to Acosta. On December 11, 2024, SBD determined that Acosta was not compliant pursuant to Implementing Order 3-41, which governs the SBE Goods & Service Program. As a result, Acosta was deemed ineligible for the award. Consequently, on December 13, 2024, the award to Acosta was rescinded, and the Project was awarded to Amici, the second lowest bidder. The required three-day notice of the award to Amici was provided and, on December 18, 2024, Acosta filed a timely protest of the award to Amici. A hearing on the protest filed by Acosta was held on January 23, 2025. On January 28, 2025, before the hearing officer could render an opinion, the County rescinded the award to Amici, which rendered the protest moot, and rejected all bids.

The County rebid this Project as Contract No. S-20072R and re-advertised it on February 13, 2025. Bids were opened on March 19, 2025, and a subsequent award will be presented to the Board for ratification.

Attached as Exhibit A is the recommendation to Reject all Bids and Re-Advertise the Contract.



Roy Coley
Chief Utilities and Regulatory Services Officer



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EXHIBIT A

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Miami, Florida 33233-0316
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January 28, 2025

VIA EMAIL
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Amici Engineering Contractors, LLC
Attn: Mr. Juan Barreneche
9480 S.W. 77 Avenue
Miami, FL 33156

RE: RECISSION OF AWARD & RECOMMENDATION TO REJECT ALL BIDS
Furnish and Install 36-Inch Force Main at N.W. 42nd Avenue from E. 57th Street to
South of N.W. 128th Street, Contract No. S-20072

Dear Mr. Barreneche:

Pursuant to the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department (WASD) Capital Improvement Programs Acceleration Ordinance (Acceleration Ordinance), Section 2-8.2.12 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, the Award of Contract No. S-20072 to Amici Engineering Contractors, LLC dated December 13, 2024, is hereby rescinded and of no further effect.

The County is hereby recommending that all bids be rejected and has determined that such rejection is in its best interests. The County intends to rebid this contract.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Kinnick'.

Amanda R. Kinnick, PE, Interim Director
Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department

PA/

cc: Clerk of the Board
Jean-Marie Rodriguez
Eileen Ramos
Contract File

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(Revised)

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County Attorney

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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 ____, 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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7-16-25

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-760-25

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE ACTIONS OF THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-8.2.12 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, THE MIAMI-DADE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT'S ACCELERATION ORDINANCE: (1) REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR CONTRACT NO. S-20072, FURNISH AND INSTALL 36-INCH FORCE MAIN AT N.W. 42ND AVENUE FROM E. 57TH STREET TO SOUTH OF N.W. 128TH STREET, AND (2) RE-ADVERTISING THE PROJECT

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 this Board hereby ratifies the actions of the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee, pursuant to section 2-8.2.12 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department's Acceleration Ordinance: (1) rejecting all bids for Contract No. S-20072, Furnish and Install 36-Inch Force Main at N.W. 42nd Avenue from E. 57th Street to South of N.W. 128th Street, and (2) re-advertising the project.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner **Marleine Bastien** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Danielle Cohen Higgins** 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	aye
Sen. René García	aye	Oliver G. Gilbert, III	aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye	Keon Hardemon	absent
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye	Eileen Higgins	aye
Natalie Milian Orbis	aye	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 16th day of July, 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
AND COMPTROLLER

By: Basia Pruna
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

SED

Sarah E. Davis