

Memorandum



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To: Gary Hartfield, Division Director
Small Business Development Division
Internal Services Department

From: Francela Reyes, Zoo Operation Specialist 
Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department

Subject: Zoo Miami- Hospital Renovation and Expansion- Project No. 592500-20-008

We respectfully request that you consider our recommendation for a SBE-Cons No-Measure.

General Description of Work:

Zoo Miami is the largest and oldest zoological garden in Florida and the only sub-tropical zoo in the continental United States. Thanks to the unique climate, Zoo Miami is able to house a wide variety of animals throughout the world. Zoo Miami is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) which requires a meticulous application and inspections process to meet and exceed the AZA's standards for animal health. This Hospital Renovation and Expansion project scope is for the Contractor to comply with the intent of the work described in the contract documents including but not limited to: provide design development, construction documents, address permit comments and provide bi-weekly construction administration for the renovation of existing facilities.

Estimated Total Cost: \$800,000.00

This project contains 100% Design privately funded thru Zoo Miami Foundation.

Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department (PROS) is requesting that the Minimum Experience Requirement be in business at least five years, having completed animal and/or zoo hospital facility projects similar in size and scope to the subject project.

Due to the specific nature in the scope of the work involved, PROS respectfully requests that SBD considers a no measure due to not having sufficient Structural and MEP consultants.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.