

# Memorandum



**Date:** April 20, 2021

**To:** Gary Hartfield, Division Director  
Small Business Development

**From:** Fernando Fernandez, Bureau Manager  
Facilities and Construction Division  
Miami Dade Fire Rescue Department

**Subject:** Request to Utilize Contract No. MCC-PROGRAM-7360  
MDFR Training Facility Pool Repair and Renovation  
RPQ No. MDFR-687-TRPOOL

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## **BACKGROUND:**

The Miami Dade Fire Rescue Department (MDFR) Training Facility was constructed in 2009. The building contains several classrooms, conference rooms, office spaces, a gymnasium, and a 228,000-gallon specialty pool. The pool is utilized year round for programs/trainings such as dive program certification courses, recruit training classes, and open water certification courses, just to name a few. The pool, pool deck, and viewing window are in need of repair/renovation. The pool requires complete resurfacing; the viewing window is in need of repair and re-sealing to mitigate issue with constant leaking; the pool deck requires resealing to waterproof as existing material is lifting and creating a water filtration issue and the surface is cracking.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The State of Florida conducts periodic inspections of the pool, pool chemical systems, filters, etc., the Miami Dade Fire Rescue Department would like to ensure that an experienced contractor and subcontractor is retained for this repair/renovation and they use high quality materials in their application. As mentioned above, this is a specialty pool that requires a subcontractor that is experienced in building and renovating pools of this size or larger.

It is important to note that any deficiencies noted by the State during an inspection would suspend any on-going certification courses until the deficiencies are addressed.

If you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Marisabel B. Bermejo, Special Projects Administrator 2 at 786-331-4498.

**Cc:** Laurie Johnson, SBD Section Chief  
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