

Memorandum



Date: July 11, 2018

To: Gary Hartfield, Division Director
Small Business Development

From: Angel H. Lamela, Division Manager
Facilities and Construction Division
Miami Dade Fire Rescue Department 

Subject: Request to Utilize Contract No. MCC-PROGRAM-7360
RPQ No. MDFRD-562-29-B

BACKGROUND:

The Miami Dade Fire Rescue Department (MDFR) is advertising a project to construct Fire Station 29 located at 351 SW 107 Avenue, Miami, FL 33174. Pursuant to Ordinance No. 07-65, MDFR is required to obtain LEED Silver designation for this station. In the past, MDFR has issued an RPQ, on a separate but very similar project under MCC7040 Program (RPQ No. MDFRD-523-62-B), to all Building and General Contractors. The minimum qualifications outlined in the Scope of Work required the awarded contractor to have completed, at minimum, two (2) Silver or higher LEED Certification Building Projects. The project was subsequently cancelled since none of the vendors interested in bidding were able to meet the minimum requirement.

In addition, this project carries an estimated cost of \$4.5 million. Of the \$4.5 million, \$200,000 will be grant funded and the remaining project balance will be 2006 Sunshine State Financing. Therefore, UAP and IG fees will be excluded from the \$200,000 grant contribution as per Sections 2-1076 (IG) and 2-8.10 (UAP) of the Miami Dade County Code. In addition, we are requesting waiving SBE goal requirements as grants do not allow for geographical preference. Attached, please find the grant award letter issued by the Florida Department of Financial Services, Division of State Fire Marshall's Office.

RECOMMENDATION:

In the past, it has been our experience that none of the contractors under MCC7040 Program have been able to meet the minimum LEED qualification requirements, which will be required for this station as well. Based on the review of the Scope of Work for the subject RPQ, 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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