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CONTRACT/PROJECT MEASURE ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION

New
 OTR
 Sole Source
 Bid Waiver
 Emergency
 Previous Contract/Project No. None

Contract
 Re-Bid
 Other – _____
 LIVING WAGE APPLIES: YES NO

Requisition No./Project No.: BW-10340
 TERM OF CONTRACT 5 YEAR(S) WITH 0 YEAR(S) OTR

Requisition /Project Title: Autism Center Certification for Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces (PROS)

Description: The purpose of the purchase is to obtain the Autism Center Certification for PROS

Issuing Department: PROS
 Contact Person: Fernando L Robreno
 Phone: 305-270-2984

Estimate Cost/Value: \$119,255
 GENERAL FEDERAL OTHER

Funding Source: X

ANALYSIS

Commodity Codes:	99068	94876	94848	92416	541720
Contract/Project History of previous purchases three (3) years Check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if this is a new contract/purchase with no previous history.					
	<u>EXISTING</u>	<u>2ND YEAR</u>	<u>3RD YEAR</u>		
Contractor:					
Small Business Enterprise:					
Contract Value:					
Comments:					
Continued on another page (s): <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO					

RECOMMENDATIONS

	Set-Aside	Subcontractor Goal	Bid Preference	Selection Factor
SBE				

Basis of Recommendation:

Signed:
 Date sent to SBD:

	Date returned to SPD:	
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MARKET RESEARCH

Contract No.: BW-TBD	Recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Exercise Option to Renew (OTR) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Competitive Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Solicit Competition <input type="checkbox"/> Access Contract <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Title: Autism Center Certification for Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces (PROS)	
Procurement Contracting Officer/Associate: Cheryl Page	
NIGP Code: 47549, 541720, 92416, 92435, 94848, 94876 and 99068	

Background:

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), about 1 in 44 children have been identified with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and the states with the greatest estimated number of adults living with ASD include California, Texas, New York, and Florida. It is reported that 1 in 45 adults have autism in the United States. In 2020-2021 Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS) reported a total of 39,413 students with disabilities receiving Exceptional Student Education Services with autism being the fastest-growing exceptionality. ASD is reported to occur in all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups.

By becoming Autism Center certified, PROS will stand out as a leader in the industry and will gain recognition for efforts in adaptive recreation programs and training. Upon certification PROS will become the Third Parks and Recreation Department Nationwide to complete the certification, the first on the East Coast, and the largest Parks and Recreation department to obtain the certification. Other certified Parks and Recreation agencies in the United States include Gilbert Parks and Recreation (AZ), Mesa Parks and Recreation (AZ), and Town of Queen Creek Parks and Recreation (AZ) United States.

Objectives and Outcomes

The purpose of the purchase is to obtain the Autism Center certification for PROS. PROS has more than 280 recreational facilities that provide outstanding programming to more than 2.5 million residents and visitors. The Autism Center certification should be aligned with the PROS value of Inclusiveness and Accessibility.

- M-D PROS provides parks, facilities, and programs that are inclusive of the diverse residents of our community and are accessible to those with disabilities.
- The Autism Center Certification will further prepare the organization to meet the needs of residents in our community with neurodiversity.
To obtain the Autism Center certification the International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards (IBCCES) requires that eighty percent of guest-facing employees' complete position-specific, customized training.
- The Certified Autism Center (CAC) certification should equip organizations with a deeper understanding of autism and how it works along with the latest research and a plethora of strategies they can implement in their facilities immediately so they can accommodate guests with autism.
- The Certified organizations shall be listed in the Autism Travel Directory, a travel destinations resource in which families have access to Certified Autism Travel Professionals.

The County does not have an active contract for this type of service. PROS is allocating \$119,225 for this project.

Research:

Market research was conducted to identify potential proposers and to locate similar contracts from other agencies. Searches conducted via BidSync, Google, GovWin and Tax Collector's search yielded zero potential bidders, and no applicable contracts that may be able to provide the required services. No SBE certified vendors were discovered. The internet search specific to Autism certification resulted in only IBCCES offering certification courses for autism. The potential bidders searched were identified through service category codes, 47549,

