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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 29, 2020

TO: Richard K. Meyers, SWRS Program Manager
Broward County Solid Waste and Recycling

THRU: Sandy-Michael McDonald, Director
Office of Economic and Small Business Development

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SUBJECT: No CBE Goal - Wetland Mitigation Sites Maintenance

NAICS Code (s): 561730

Scope of Service (s): Landscaping

This contract is not subject to the Broward County Workforce Investment Program.

Broward County is seeking a vendor to provide a comprehensive maintenance program for seven (7) wetland mitigation sites through eradicating and discouraging growth of exotic and nuisance species. A review of the Certified Firm Small Business Directory identified eight (8) CBE firms under the NAICs Code 561730. However, none of these firms is a wetland mitigation specialist and/or has experience or knowledge in the eradication and control of exotic and nuisance vegetative species.

Therefore, consistent with the Broward County Business Opportunity Act of 2012, as amended, Sec. 1-81.3(1)(a), if there are fewer than two (2) certified CBEs available to participate in a specific project, no CBE goal will be applicable. However, in accordance with Sec. 1-81.10(a)(1) of the Broward County Business Opportunity Act, as amended, if a responsive, responsible bid is received from a certified CBE firm that is within ten (10) percent of the lowest bid received from a non-CBE or non SBE firm, the CBE or SBE shall be offered the opportunity to match the lowest responsible, responsible bid; the CBE or SBE firm shall be deemed the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

For Request for Proposals (RFPs), and in accordance with Sec. 1-81.10(a)(2) of the Broward County Business Opportunity Act as, amended, if upon completion of final rankings by the

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Evaluation Committee, a non-CBE or non-SBE proposer is the highest-ranked proposer, and a responsive, responsible CBE or SBE proposer receives a score that is within five (5%) percent of the score obtained by the non-CBE, non-SBE proposer, the highest-ranked responsive, responsible CBE or SBE proposer shall be considered the highest-ranked proposer and shall have the opportunity to proceed to negotiations with the County for award of the contract.

Eligibility for the CBE program is based on economic/size standards; the program does not utilize race or gender criteria for either certification or goal methodology purposes. The above assigned goal for County Business Enterprise participation is based on our examination of the scope of work and cost estimate as submitted to the Office of Economic and Small Business Development by the using agency.

If you have any concerns regarding available subcontracting opportunities, please contact our office at (954) 357-6400.

cc: Susan Smith, Small Business Development Specialist, OESBD