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The Director of Purchasing
Broward County Purchasing Division
115 South Andrews Avenue, Room 212
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

PROTEST OF BLD2127663P1

Re: Formal Protest to Final Recommendation of Ranking to the Board of County Commissioners/Director of Purchasing RFP BLD2127663P1, Janitorial Services for BCAD Administrative Facilities

Chi-Ada Corporation ("Chi-Ada") regarding RFP BLD2127663P1, Janitorial Services for BCAD Administrative Facilities (the "RFP"). As the second-ranked vendor, Chi-Ada is an aggrieved vendor regarding the failure of the Director of Purchasing to properly entertain and sustain the objections.

Chi-Ada's objections to the rankings are due to the likely of bias in the scoring, by the Evaluation Committee (EC). The ("Proposed Ranking"), Pursuant to Chapter 21, Part X., Section 21.65 of the Broward County Administrative Code, Chi-Ada protests the Final Recommendation of Ranking of the RFP for BCAD Administrative Facilities and states the following grounds for its protest.

- I. McKenzie Cleaning as County CBE failed to allow their financial standing as a CBE to be transparent.**
- II. McKenzie Cleaning Presented Inaccurate or Misleading Information to OESBD**

As evidenced in their bid submission, which is incorporated herein, McKenzie's has been in the Janitorial industry since 2003 (21years). They are 90% a prime and 10% a sub-contractor to larger firms. McKenzie has multiple government contracts to include contracts in the County and Federal level, and upon information and belief, McKenzie's revenue is higher than the requisite CBE limit, and if so, McKenzie is falsely representing their company as a CBE. Has the Broward County Office of Small Business Development (OESBD) made a good faith effort to ascertain the authenticity of the financial records of McKenzie cleaning to see if it still qualifies to continue enjoying the CBE status? McKenzie Cleaning's Director addressed Chi-Ada Corporation's President as a person without class, because Chi-Ada taxes show only an average gross revenue for three years valued at \$12 million. This comment suggests McKenzie Cleaning makes more gross revenue than Chi-Ada, and if so, McKenzie Cleaning still remains a Broward County CBE vendor. Chi-Ada suggests that OESBD demands the IRS Tax transcripts filed for (2021,2022,& 2023) three years to examine if there are variances to what was submitted to OESBD for the same period.

III. The Evaluation Committee's evaluation and scoring of McKenzie Cleaning's proposal was improper, arbitrary and capricious.

IV. Improper Award to an Ineligible Vendor.

Chi-Ada has information to believe that McKenzie Cleaning has presented Broward County with falsified invoices and time sheets, and has presented a pattern of non-compliance, which is sufficient to have imparted the Judgement of the Evaluation Committee. As evidenced by the attached time sheet, but not only limited to the following times, McKenzie Cleaning falsified the time in charging Chi-Ada and Broward County for November 11, 2024, Veterans Holiday, in which the office was closed. McKenzie Cleaning also billed for Thanksgiving, November 28 and 29, 2024, in which the office was also closed. Broward County Account and Contract administrator has asked McKenzie to correct it, but up till now, McKenzie has not corrected it. Such evidence would and should render McKenzie Cleaning an ineligible vendor. Chi-Ada further strongly contests that McKenzie Cleaning's past performance points and other full award points were improper, arbitrary, and capricious.

Chi-Ada believes strongly that if there is a fair and even-handed evaluation of the various bid documents, the outcome will be different. Chi-Ada calls for re-evaluation and re-ranking of the entire proposal/submissions to achieve a fair result.

Enclosed with this Protest is a check valued at \$3,000, as required by the filing rules.

For any and all responses to this letter, please include and contact Chi-Ada's General Counsel, Tobechuku T. Nwahiri, Esq. whose contact information is stated below:

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Regards,

s/Bart Okoro



Bart Okoro, President Chi-Ada Corporation

Nancy J Cotterman Nov 24 Timesheet Mckenzie Cleaning Services

Last Name	First Name	Date	Clock In Type	Clock In Time	Clock Out Type	Clock Out Time	Day	Labor Distribution	Total Paid
Ellis	Patricia	11/01/2024	Clock In	08:50 AM	Clock Out	04:52 PM	Fri	323 Nancy J. Cotterman	8.03
Begazo	Noelia	11/04/2024	Clock In	09:00 AM	Clock Out	05:10 PM	Mon	323 Nancy J. Cotterman	8.17
Begazo	Noelia	11/05/2024	Clock In	08:55 AM	Clock Out	05:06 PM	Tue	323 Nancy J. Cotterman	8.18
Begazo	Noelia	11/06/2024	Clock In	09:00 AM	Clock Out	05:05 PM	Wed	323 Nancy J. Cotterman	8.05
Ellis	Patricia	11/07/2024	Clock In	08:51 AM	Clock Out	04:53 PM	Thu	323 Nancy J. Cotterman	8.03
Ellis	Patricia	11/08/2024	Clock In	08:55 AM	Clock Out	04:55 PM	Fri	323 Nancy J. Cotterman	8.00
Contreras	Ester	11/09/2024	Start Vacation	08:00 AM	End Vacation	12:00 PM	Sat	323 Nancy J. Cotterman	4.00
Contreras	Ester	11/10/2024	Start Vacation	08:00 AM	End Vacation	12:00 PM	Sun	323 Nancy J. Cotterman	4.00
Begazo	Noelia	11/12/2024	Clock In	09:05 AM	Clock Out	05:05 PM	Tue	323 Nancy J. Cotterman	8.00
Begazo	Noelia	11/13/2024	Clock In	08:59 AM	Clock Out	05:10 PM	Wed	323 Nancy J. Cotterman	8.08
Ellis	Patricia	11/14/2024	Clock In	08:51 AM	Clock Out	04:51 PM	Thu	323 Nancy J. Cotterman	8.00
Ellis	Patricia	11/15/2024	Clock In	08:50 AM	Clock Out	04:51 PM	Fri	323 Nancy J. Cotterman	8.02
Begazo	Noelia	11/18/2024	Clock In	09:09 AM	Clock Out	05:14 PM	Mon	323 Nancy J. Cotterman	8.08
Ellis	Patricia	11/19/2024	Clock In	09:31 AM	Clock Out	05:01 PM	Tue	323 Nancy J. Cotterman	8.00
Begazo	Noelia	11/20/2024	Start Vacation	08:00 AM	End Vacation	03:30 PM	Wed	323 Nancy J. Cotterman	7.50
Ellis	Patricia	11/20/2024	Clock In	08:51 AM	Clock Out	04:52 PM	Wed	323 Nancy J. Cotterman	8.02
Ellis	Patricia	11/21/2024	Clock In	08:50 AM	Clock Out	04:50 PM	Thu	323 Nancy J. Cotterman	8.02
Ellis	Patricia	11/22/2024	Clock In	08:50 AM	Clock Out	04:53 PM	Fri	323 Nancy J. Cotterman	8.00
Ellis	Patricia	11/25/2024	Clock In	08:50 AM	Clock Out	04:50 PM	Mon	323 Nancy J. Cotterman	8.00
Ellis	Patricia	11/26/2024	Clock In	08:50 AM	Clock Out	04:50 PM	Tue	323 Nancy J. Cotterman	8.00
Ellis	Patricia	11/27/2024	Clock In	08:51 AM	Clock Out	04:51 PM	Wed	323 Nancy J. Cotterman	8.00

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November 11th, 24 Veterans Day - Closed
November 28th, & 29th, 24 Closed