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PURCHASING DIVISION

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DATE: June 2, 2020

TO: Evaluation Committee Members

FROM: Brenda J. Billingsley, Director, Purchasing Division **BRENDA BILLINGSLEY**

SUBJECT: Reconvene of the Final Evaluation Committee Meeting
Request for Proposals (RFP) No. PNC2119168P1, Continuing
Engineering Services for Traffic, Roadway, and Civil Projects

DATE & TIME: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.

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On August 8, 2019, the County Administrator, based on delegated Board authority, approved Request for Proposals (RFP) No. PNC2119168P1, Continuing Engineering Services for Traffic, Roadway, and Civil Projects. The RFP was solicited to engage up to two qualified firms to provide Continuing Engineering Services for Traffic, Roadway, and Civil Projects.

On January 9, 2020, a Final Evaluation Committee meeting was held for the solicitation. The Evaluation Committee heard six (6) vendor presentations, scored, and voted Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc. as the first ranked firm and Metric Engineering, Inc. as the second ranked firm.

On January 27, 2020, the Director of Purchasing received an objection letter from LSN Government Affairs on behalf of BCC Engineering, LLC. The objection letter stated the first-ranked firm, CGA, claimed a local headquarters in Broward County, yet CGA was acquired by a national firm, SAFEbuilt Inc., in 2018, which is headquartered in Loveland, Colorado.

On April 21, 2020, the Director of Purchasing issued a response to LSN Government Affairs stating that upon review of the solicitation response, supporting documentation, procurement record, correspondence received by parties to the objection, and the proceedings of the Evaluation Committee, no significant new information was found to consider withdrawing location points to CGA or to reconvene the Evaluation Committee. The award of the location points to CGA was conducted appropriately and within the established guidelines, practices and procedures set forth in the Broward County Procurement Code, the County's local bidder preference ordinance, and existing written guidelines of the Purchasing Division.

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On May 19, 2020 (Agenda Item No. 54), after discussion, and in lieu of approving recommended rankings, the Board directed staff to complete additional diligence in regards to CGA's principal business location, and voted to reconvene the Evaluation Committee to re-evaluate the locations points allocated to CGA.

Subsequently, based on Board's direction, the Purchasing Division, at the request of the County Attorney's Office, requested additional information from Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc. to support its claim for having a principal place of business in Broward County. This information has been distributed to the Evaluation Committee for consideration.

The County Attorney Office's (CAO) has reviewed the information and further opined that CGA still meets the requirements for "principal place of business location" as stated in the Vendor's Business Location Attestation Form.

Based on additional information provided to CGA and their response, the supplemental questions, CAO's review, it is determined the original determination of allocating five points for principal place of business will remain as recommended.

The purpose of this reconvened evaluation committee meeting is to ratify the previously completed scoring. The Purchasing Division anticipates submitting the recommendation of rankings to the Board by next available meeting date.

Attachments:

- 1) Additional Information provided by CGA (response dated May 27, and two responses dated June 1, 2020)
- 2) Legal opinion memorandum dated June 2, 2020

Previously distributed information:

- 1) Board Agenda and Exhibits
- 2) Additional Information provided by CGA (dated May 27, and one communication from June 1, 2020)
- 3) LSN Response Letter to CGA's response, dated April 2020

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