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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** July 13, 2021

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**SUBJECT:** No CBE Goal for Grant Street Group/TaxSys Contract Extension

Broward County is requesting a contract extension for the application, hosting, development, support and maintenance for the Grant Street Group's proprietary TaxSys tax collection and billing system. The software solution for this project is proprietary because the Grant Street Group develops, implements, maintains and supports their own suite of products. Due to the fact that the Grant Street Group is the sole source provider and there are no certifications, sales or support channels for TaxSys, there is no availability of CBE firms to provide the requested software. A review of the Certified Firm Small Business Directory revealed there are no County Business Enterprises (CBEs) available that can meet the requirements of the solicitation; 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 percent (10%) of the lowest responsive, responsible bid received from a nonCBE, nonSBE firm, the CBE or SBE (as applicable) shall be offered the opportunity to match the lowest responsive, responsible bid. If the CBE or SBE firm (as applicable) matches the lowest responsive, responsible bid, the CBE or SBE firm shall be deemed the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

For Request for Proposals (RFPs), 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 Evaluation Committee, a nonCBE, nonSBE proposer is the highest-ranked proposer, and a responsive, responsible CBE or SBE proposer receives a score that is within five percent (5%) of the score obtained by the nonCBE, nonSBE proposer, the highest-ranked responsive, responsible CBE or SBE proposer shall be considered the highest-ranked

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proposer and shall have the opportunity to proceed to negotiations with the County for award of the contract. **This contract is not subject to the Broward County Workforce Investment Program.**

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

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