

**ADDITIONAL MATERIAL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**MARCH 26, 2026**

**SUBMITTED AT THE REQUEST OF**  
**PURCHASING DIVISION**



Finance and Administrative Services Department

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**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: March 16, 2026

TO: Board of County Commissioners

THRU: Stephen Farmer, Deputy Chief Financial Officer

*Johnson on behalf of.*

FROM: Robert E. Gleason, Director  
Purchasing Division

Constance Mangan, Asst. Director, on behalf of  
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SUBJECT: March 26, 2026 – Commission Meeting – Agenda Item No.47  
MOTION TO APPROVE final ranking of qualified firms for Request for Proposals (RFP) No. PNC2128931P1, General Planning Consultant Services for the Port Everglades Department

Exhibit 5, Page 1, Objection Response, dated October 3, 2025 is replaced by the attached Revised Exhibit 5, Page 1, dated October 3, 2025 for Agenda Item No. 47, to correct firm name referenced in the last paragraph, on page 1.

Attachment

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- c: Monica Cepero, County Administrator
- Kevin Kelleher, Deputy County Administrator
- Andrew J. Meyers, County Attorney
- Robert Melton, County Auditor
- Joseph Morris, Director, Port Everglades Department
- Constance Mangan, Assistant Director, Purchasing Division



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Via Email Transmittal

October 3, 2025

Joseph M. Goldstein, Partner  
Janeil A. Morgan, Associate  
Shutts & Bowen LLP  
201 East Las Olas Blvd, Suite 2200  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Re: Response to Objection to Proposed Ranking – RFP No. PNC2128931P1, General Planning Consultant Services Port Everglades

Dear Mr. Goldstein and Ms. Morgan:

The Broward County Purchasing Division (“Purchasing”) is in receipt of your firm’s timely objection letter dated and received on August 26, 2025, on behalf of your client, Volkert, Inc. (“Volkert”), in objection to the proposed recommendation of ranking posted on the Purchasing Division website from August 22 – 26, 2025. Moffatt & Nichol, Inc. received the highest scores from the Evaluation Committee (“EC”) and is the first-ranked firm for this procurement.

After performing due diligence in reviewing all assertions, the solicitation requirements, and the processes the County followed in this procurement, the objection is partially upheld, based on the following responses to each assertion:

**Assertion No. II.A. – A Member of the Evaluation Committee has an Impermissible Conflict of Interest or, at a minimum, the Appearance of Impropriety:**

Volkert, Inc. (Volkert) asserts there is a conflict of interest or the appearance of impropriety for EC member, Claude Gentil, because Mr. Gentil’s spouse is currently employed by Becker & Poliakoff, the Lobbyists for Moffatt & Nichol, Inc. (Moffatt), the incumbent for this contract. Volkert states that the mere potential of financial gain, not an actual financial gain, requires the EC member to recuse himself.

**County’s Response to Assertion No. II.A.**

Section 21.45 of the Procurement Code provides that a person cannot be appointed to an Evaluation Committee if their service creates the appearance of a conflict of interest.

Since Mr. Gentil’s spouse works for representatives of Moffatt, there is potential for an appearance of a conflict of interest. Because Purchasing has determined there exists an appearance of a conflict of interest, the objection is upheld and there is no need to consider the alternate basis for the objection. The County will appoint a new Evaluation Committee.