



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#26-0347

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: April 21, 2026

TITLE: Motion Approving the Final Ranking of Firms, Negotiated Fee Schedules, and Agreements for Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 456 - Architectural Continuing Services - Gurri Matute, P.A., H2M Architects & Engineers, Inc., and R.E Chisholm Architects, Inc. - \$5,000,000 (2-year estimated aggregate amount) - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve the final ranking of firms, negotiated fee schedules, and agreements, in substantially the forms attached, for Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 456 for Architectural Continuing Services with Gurri Matute, P.A., H2M Architects & Engineers, Inc., and R.E Chisholm Architects, Inc. for an initial two (2)-year term in the estimated aggregate amount of \$5,000,000; and further authorize the City Manager to execute and approve the agreement with three (3) one (1)-year renewal options for a collective estimated annual renewal amount of \$2,500,000 and a potential grand total contract amount of \$12,500,000, subject to and contingent upon appropriation of funds.

Background

The City of Fort Lauderdale solicited consulting engineering firms to provide architectural consulting services for projects throughout the City, including but not limited to, comprehensive architectural services as outlined below on an as-needed basis:

- Space Planning
- Programming
- Specifications
- Architectural Design
- Contract Administration
- Cost Estimating, Planning and Scheduling
- Architectural 3D Rendering and Animation Services
- Interior Design
- Landscape Architecture
- ADA Analysis and Design
- Sustainable Design

- Building Performance Analysis
- Historical Preservation
- LEED Design
- Structural Design
- Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing Design

On April 24, 2025, the City, via the Procurement Services Division, issued RFQ No. 456, Architectural Continuing Services. The RFQ closed on May 22, 2025.

The following ten (10) firms submitted proposals in response to the RFQ.

1. Brooks + Scarpa
2. Dorsky Yue International.
3. Gurri Matute, P.A.
4. H2M Architects & Engineers, Inc.
5. Jorge A Gutierrez Architects LLC
6. R. E. Chisholm Architects, Inc.
7. R. J. Heisenbottle Architects, PA
8. Walter Zackria Associates, PLLC
9. West Architecture + Design, LLC
10. Wolfberg Alvarez and Partners, Inc.

On September 23, 2025, the Evaluation Committee (EC) met to evaluate and to shortlist the proposals. The proposals were evaluated and ranked based on the established evaluation criteria shown in the table below:

CRITERIA	WEIGHT (%)
Firm's Qualification and Experience	20%
Project Team Qualification and Experience	25%
Approach to Scope	35%
History and Past Performance	10%
References	10%
TOTAL:	100%

As a result of the evaluation process, the EC elected to negotiate with the following five (5) responsive and responsible firms.

1. Walter Zackria Associates, PLLC
2. H2M Architects & Engineers, Inc.
3. Wolfberg Alvarez and Partners, Inc.
4. Gurri Matute, P.A.
5. R. E. Chisholm Architects, Inc.

Staff have completed negotiations with three (3) of the five (5) shortlisted firms: Gurri Matute, P.A., H2M Architects & Engineers, Inc., and R.E. Chisholm Architects, Inc., and recommends award to those firms at this time. Negotiations are still underway with Walter Zackria Associates, PLLC, and Wolfberg Alvarez and Partners. If successful, staff will return to the City Commission with a recommendation for award for those firms.

Task orders will be issued to any of the selected firms, as needed, based on project priorities, and available funding.

Resource Impact

There is a current Fiscal Year (FY) impact to the City in the amount of \$1,565,000.

Funds for these agreements are available in the accounts listed below.

<i>Funds available as of April 1, 2026</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	CHARACTER/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-331-9100-519-60-6599-P13010	Esplanade Park Restroom Restoration	Capital Outlay – Construction	\$1,280,000	\$1,280,000	\$300,000
10-471-7999-538-60-6599-P12446	Public Works Joint Facility	Capital Outlay – Construction	\$1,625,154	\$1,578,701	\$600,000
10-143-3101-524-60-6599-P12560	Greg Brewton Center (DSD)	Capital Outlay – Construction	\$20,587,060	\$19,974,253	\$600,000
10-353-6999-572-60-6599-P12683	Floranada Park	Capital Outlay – Construction	\$656,782	\$65,160	65,000
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					1,565,000

Strategic Connections

This item is FY 2026 Commission Priority, advancing the Infrastructure and Resilience Initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure and Resilience Focus Area, Goal 3: Be sustainable and resilient community.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Comprehensive Plan: We Are Ready.

This item supports the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040* Comprehensive Plan, specifically advancing:

- The internal Support Focus Area

- The Capital Improvements Element
- Goal 1: The City will strive to provide infrastructure as appropriate to meet the standards set forth within the comprehensive plan elements, by preserving, modifying and replacing existing infrastructure and providing new infrastructure related to growth and resiliency.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 - Solicitation

Exhibit 2 - Final Ranking

Exhibit 3 - Gurri Matute PA Proposal

Exhibit 4 - Gurri Matute PA Fee Schedule

Exhibit 5 - Gurri Matute PA Agreement

Exhibit 6 - H2M Architects & Engineers, Inc. Proposal

Exhibit 7 - H2M Architects & Engineers, Inc. Fee Schedule

Exhibit 8 - H2M Architects & Engineers, Inc. Agreement

Exhibit 9 - R. E. Chisholm Architects, Inc. Proposal

Exhibit 10 - R. E. Chisholm Architects, Fee Schedule

Exhibit 11 - R. E. Chisholm Architects, Inc. Agreement

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