

CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Pedro G. Hernandez, P.E.
City Manager

DATE: March 9, 2009 FILE:

SUBJECT: Recommendation of Award,
Ademar and Davis Canals
Maintenance and Dredging
B-50680

FROM: Ola O. Aluko 
Director
Capital Improvements Program

REFERENCES: ITB 08-09-019

ENCLOSURES: Bid Security list,
Local Preference letter,
Bid Tab, Resolution

Background

The Department of Capital Improvements Program (CIP) received five (5) bids on January 16, 2009, in response to the solicitation for the construction of the Ademar and Davis Canals Maintenance and Dredging, Project No B-50680, which are reflected on the attached Bid Submittal List.

The scope of works for both projects is as follows:

Maintenance Dredging of Ademar and Davis Canals, which are manmade upland canals. The proposed dredging action includes the removal of approximately 1,673 cubic yards from the Davis Canal and approximately 4,677 cubic yards from the Ademar Canal. Dredging shall be performed to a depth of -7.00 feet N.G.V.D. (1929) or to hard bottom whichever is less.

Findings

CIP has completed its review of the two lowest bidders 1. Central Florida Equipment Rentals, Inc. 2. American Earth Movers, Inc. It was determined that American Earth Movers Inc., was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder based on two factors;

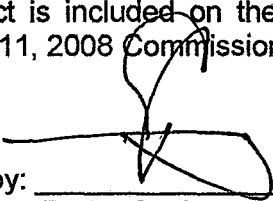
1. Section 18-85(a) of the City Code, as amended, States that the City Commission may offer to a responsible and responsive bidder, whose primary office is located in the City of Miami, the opportunity of accepting a bid at the low bid amount, if the original bid amount submitted by the local vendor does not **exceed 110 percent** of the lowest other responsible and responsive bidder. American Earth Movers, Inc., qualified as they have their primary office location located within the City of Miami, and was within the required bid percentage. A letter was then issued to the firm, giving them the option to accept the low bidder's prices to which they agreed.

2. It is a requirement for the contractor to have project experience that includes maintenance dredging within the influence of tidal currents. Further information was requested from both firms to determine if they meet this criterion. CIP checked the project references of both firms, and after a thorough review of each, confirmed that American Earth Movers, Inc., did have the

required experience and Central Florida Equipment Rentals, Inc., did not provide sufficient documentation to substantiate their work experience for this requirement.

Contract Execution

This Project is included on the Economic Stimulus Program List, that was approved at the December 11, 2008 Commission Meeting and therefore, does not require Commission approval for award.

Approved by: 
Pedro G. Hernandez, P.E.
City Manager

Date: 3/18/09

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- Jose L. Lago, P.E III/Acting Senior Project Manager, CIP
- Keith Ng, Project Manager, CIP