



Legislation Text

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Southeast Gainesville Renaissance Initiative Planning/Financial Consultant (B)

This item proposes to authorize the City Manager or his designee to negotiate a contract price and execute a contract with Wilson Miller, Inc. to prepare a master/financial plan for the Southeast Gainesville Renaissance Initiative (SEGRI) area.

At the March 27, 2006 City Commission meeting, the City Commission approved funding up to \$200,000 from the bond funds for a master planning and financial consultant for the SEGRI area, and authorized staff to issue a request for proposal for a master planning and financial consultant for the SEGRI project, rank the proposals and return to the City Commission with a recommendation on a top-ranked consultant or consultants.

On August 22, 2006, the Purchasing Division issued a Request for Statement of Qualifications for a planning/financial consultant to prepare a master plan for the SEGRI area. Four firms attended the pre-bid meeting and four firms responded. After reviewing the four bids submitted, and meeting with two of the bidders on November 3, 2006 and the remaining two bidders on November 7, 2006, the evaluation team has ranked the four bidders as follows:

1. Wilson Miller, Inc.
2. APD, Inc.
3. PBS&J
4. Renaissance Planning Group

As a result of this ranking, the evaluation team is recommending that the City negotiate a contract price and execute a contract with Wilson Miller, Inc. to prepare a master/financial plan for the SEGRI area. The four proposals are on file in the Clerk's office.

Funds are available from the FY2005-2006 bond issue to cover the cost of the planning/financial services.

The City Commission: 1) approve Wilson Miller, Inc., as the top-ranked proposer; 2) authorize the City Manager or his designee to negotiate a contract price with Wilson Miller, Inc. to prepare a planning/financial study for the SEGRI area, and execute a contract with Wilson Miller, Inc., subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality; and 3) authorize the City Manager or his designee to negotiate with the second-ranked firm and execute a contract with that firm if an appropriate price cannot be negotiated with the top-ranked firm.

Alternative Recommendation A: The City Commission not approve the recommendation and approve a different firm for this work.

Alternative Recommendation B: The City Commission not move forward with the SEGRI master plan and provide alternative direction to staff.