



Legislation Text

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Request for Qualifications for Architectural and Engineering Services for Wild Spaces, Public Places (WSPP) Projects (B)

This item involves a request for the City Commission to approve staff's ranking of Architectural and Engineering firms for development of the approved WSPP Alfred A. Ring Park project.

On March 30, 2009, the City Purchasing Division received nineteen (19) proposals from Architectural and Engineering firms for the design and construction oversight for the WSPP projects. Fourteen (14) firms were selected to provide these services; of which nine (9) are Gainesville firms and four (4) are a part of the City's Small Business Procurement Program.

On September 17, 2009, the City Commission approved funding for Wild Spaces, Public Places capital projects, including the Alfred A. Ring Park project with board walk replacement and other general park improvements.

Parks Recreation and Cultural Affairs (PRCA) staff has evaluated the qualifications of the firms not currently working on WSPP projects and is recommending ranking of the following firms. The top three ranked firms are: 1) Cubillis Architects, now known as Manuel Synalovski; 2) Bellomo Herbert & Company; 3) IBI Group.

Funds in the amount of \$469,000 are available through the Wild Spaces Public Places Capital Improvement Projects One-Half Percent Infrastructure Sales Surtax.

The City Commission: 1) approve staff's recommended ranking of the firms; and 2) authorize the City Manager or designee to negotiate and execute a contract and any related documents, subject to approval from the City Attorney as to form and legality, for design and construction oversight of the Alfred A. Ring Park development.

The City Commission not accept the recommended ranking of firms and direct staff to review and initiate a different ranking.