

**RESOLUTION NO. R2017-38**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY MANAGER WHO CONCURS WITH THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE AND APPROVING THE RANKING OF THE THREE (3) MOST HIGHLY QUALIFIED FIRMS THAT RESPONDED TO REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS NO. 2016-08 “NMB WATER OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE, AND PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SERVICES” TO PERFORM THE SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH’S WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TOP-RANKED, MOST-QUALIFIED FIRM AND, IF NEGOTIATIONS ARE UNSUCCESSFUL, WITH THE NEXT HIGHEST RANKED FIRM SUCCESSIVELY, UNTIL AN ACCEPTABLE AGREEMENT CAN BE RECOMMENDED FOR CITY COMMISSION APPROVAL.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of North Miami Beach (“City”) issued Request for Qualifications No. 2016-08 (“RFQ”) for NMB Water Operations, Maintenance and Program Services (“NMB Water Program”); and

**WHEREAS**, RFQ Notices were electronically mailed to over 600 potential, local and national vendors on November 18, 2016, as well as advertised in the Daily Business Review and Miami Herald on November 22, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 26, 2017, responses were received from four (4) respondents: CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc. (“CH2M Hill”), Suez North America (“Suez”), U.S. Water/Wade Trim, LLC (“U.S. Water/Wade Trim”) and Veolia Water North America-South, LLC (“Veolia”); and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager established an Evaluation Committee comprised of the Deputy City Manager, the Director of Human Resources, the Finance Director, the Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission, a Senior Professional Engineer from Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Department and the Director of NMB Water as an ex-officio non-voting member; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 8, 2017, the Evaluation Committee held a public meeting to “Kick-Off” the process, distribute the solicitation materials, discussion the process, guidelines, scope of the Committee and answer any questions; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 21, 2017, the Evaluation Committee held a public meeting and discussed the responses and established evaluation criteria of Technical Resources, Capabilities and Proximity, Key Staffing, Organization, Single Point Accountability, Relevant Project Experience, Project Understanding and Approach, Financial, Regulatory, and Contract Compliance and Certified MBE Status; and

**WHEREAS**, the Evaluation Committee’s initial scoring of the four (4) respondents at the February 21, 2017, meeting was as follows:

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CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc. (“CH2M”).....	91
Suez North America (“Suez”).....	75
U.S. Water/Wade Trim, LLC (“US Water/Wade Trim”).....	82
Veolia Water North America-South, LLC (“Veolia”).....	84; and

**WHEREAS**, the Evaluation Committee thereafter determined it was in the City’s best interests to invite the three (3) top-ranked respondents, CH2M, US Water/Wade Trim and Veolia, to make oral presentations, provide clarification to their responses, and answer Committee questions; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 7, 2017, the Evaluation Committee held a public meeting and the three top-ranked respondents made oral presentations and responded to Committee questions, after the presentation’s and discussion, the Evaluation Committee re-scored each respondent based on the RFQ responses, oral presentations, and discussion, the scoring was as follows:

CH2M.....	91
US Water/Wade Trim.....	82
Veolia.....	81

**WHEREAS**, at the conclusion of the rigorous review and analysis by the Evaluation Committee, a recommended final ranking of the three top-ranked respondents, 1<sup>st</sup> ranked CH2M, 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked US Water/Wade Trim, and 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked Veolia, was submitted to the City Manager for her consideration; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager conducted her own due diligence, she communicated with two agencies engaged in contract services with the top-ranked respondent, CH2M, reviewed their international experience with the transition process, available experts in various disciplines, financial information and experience with the AFSCME Union, and after an exhaustive review concurs with the Evaluation Committee and is seeking approval from the City Commission to accept the ranking and authorize negotiations with top-ranked respondents in accordance with Florida law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Commission find it to be in the best interests of the City to accept the ranking of the respondents as specified herein and authorize the City Manager to negotiate an agreement with the top-ranked CH2M, and if negotiations are unsuccessful, with the next highest ranked firm successively, until an acceptable agreement can be recommended for City Commission consideration and approval.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Commission of the City of North Miami Beach, Florida.

**Section 1.** The foregoing recitals are true and correct.

**Section 2.** The Mayor and City Commission hereby approve and accept the rankings of the Evaluation Committee:

- 1) CH2M Hill Engineering, Inc.
- 2) U.S. Water/Wade Trim, LLC

3) Veolia Water North America-South, LLC

The foregoing rankings do not vest contractual rights on any of the foregoing parties.

**Section 3.** The City Manager or designee is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate with CH2M as the first-ranked respondent, or if negotiations are unsuccessful, to negotiate with US Water/Wade Trim, as the second-ranked respondent, or if negotiations are unsuccessful, to negotiate with Veolia, as the third-ranked respondent and upon successful negotiations, present to the Mayor and City Commission an agreement, in a form acceptable to the City Attorney, for the operations, maintenance and program services of NMB Water, for consideration and approval.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the City of North Miami Beach City Commission at the regular meeting assembled this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of **April, 2017**.

ATTEST:

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PAMELA L. LATIMORE  
CITY CLERK

(CITY SEAL)

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GEORGE VALLEJO  
MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM, LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION:

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JOSE SMITH  
CITY ATTORNEY

Sponsored by: Mayor and City Commission