



THE CITY OF KEY WEST  
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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**TO:** Jim Scholl, City Manager

**FROM:** Devon Steckly, Senior Project Manager  
Michael Vieux, Senior Construction Manager  
James Bouquet, Engineering Director  
Don Craig, Planning Director

**DATE:** September 12, 2014

**RE:** Approving ranking of firms submitting responses to Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 14-002 General Architectural Services

### ACTION STATEMENT:

Approving staff ranking of firms submitting responses to RFQ 14-002: General Architectural Services and authorizing City Manager to negotiate and pursuant to legal review enter into contracts with the five (5) architectural firms.

### BACKGROUND:

To increase the service specialty diversification and quantity of architectural firms currently under General Architectural Services agreements (Resolution 12-220), the City issued RFQ No. 14-002: General Architectural Services on March 22, 2014. Qualification packages were received on April 23, 2014. The City received seven (7) responses to the RFQ from the following firms:

- Bender and Associates, Architects, P.A.
- AMEC
- Bermillo Ajamil and Partners, Inc.
- William P. Horn Architect P.A.
- Synalovski Romanik Saye
- Jorge L. Hernandez Architect
- K2M Design

Responsive firms' proposals are attached.

June 20, 2014, a selection committee of City Staff met at a publicly advertised meeting to present qualification rankings of the seven firms submitting qualifications in response to the RFQ. Selection committee qualification rankings are attached for review.

*Key to the Caribbean - Average yearly temperature 77 F.*

Using the Selection Criteria Matrix in the RFQ, the selection committee consisting of Engineering and Planning Department staff developed a short list of the following firms in highest to lowest ranking order:

- (1) Synalovski Romanik Saye
- (2) Bermillo Ajamil and Partners, Inc.
- (3) William P. Horn Architect, P.A.
- (4) Bender and Associates, Architects, P.A.
- (5) AMEC

Of the five firms, only William P. Horn Architect, P.A. (WPH) currently has a General Architectural Services agreement under Resolution 12-220. Resolution 12-220 is attached. Agreements associated with this Resolution expire in August 2015.

As multiple City departments simultaneously manage projects of all sizes and service specialty diversifications, the City typically prefers to contract with multiple firms to address the workload. These five recommended firms will provide the City with the necessary diversity in areas such as service area specialty, size/capacity, and local presence to address anticipated needs with future projects.

The term of contracts shall be for a period of three (3) years with the option of one (1) two (2) year renewal.

#### **OPTIONS:**

There are three (3) options:

1. Accept the rankings of Staff and authorize City Manager to negotiate, and pursuant to legal review, enter into a contract with one or all of the five short-listed firms;
2. Modify Staff ranking and authorize City Manager to negotiate, and pursuant to legal review, enter into a contract with one or all of the firms of the modified ranking;
3. Do not expand the current pool of architectural firms under a General Services Agreement with the City.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There are no financial obligations with ranking and entering into contracts with each of the short-listed firms. These will be task order based contracts with which a dollar amount will have to be approved along with the task order per City Ordinance.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Engineering and Planning Departments recommends the City Commission to accept Staff rankings and authorize City Manager to negotiate, and pursuant to legal review, enter into a contract with the five short-listed firms.