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INDEPENDENT PROCUREMENT REVIEW DIVISION

Independent Procurement Review Report

TO: Atlanta City Council

DATE: February 28, 2024

The purpose of this report is to communicate the results of the following solicitation.

Background

The Department of Aviation requested a Request for Proposals for the project and scope shown below. Requests for Proposals are typically evaluated based on a variety of evaluation factors including price, understanding of scope and objectives, and expertise. This project was not previously cancelled.

Solicitation#	RFP/PS/DOA/2308-1240040
Project Name:	On-Call Comprehensive Environmental Services at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport
Estimated Dollar Amount:	\$1,000,000
Term:	Three years with two one-year renewal options
Recommended Awardee:	AECOM Technical Services, Inc.
DOP Responsive Bidders:	AECOM Technical Services, Inc. Nova Engineering and Environmental, LLC.
All Bidders:	AECOM Technical Services, Inc. Nova Engineering and Environmental, LLC

Observations and Responses

Solicitation

Observation 1: This solicitation received two submittals, which could be an indication of limited competition.

IPro does not require a response from DOP for this observation.

Responsive Review

Observation 2: The proposed awardee disclosed it had settled a case with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ).

An October 24, 2023, DOJ press release cites an \$11.8 million settlement to resolve False Claims Act allegations that a project officer of the proposed awardee submitted fraudulent requests for federal funds, which resulted in payment of funds in excess of what federal rules permitted. The press release stated that the United States had cumulatively recovered nearly \$25 million in connection with work performed by the proposed awardee.

IPro does not require a response from DOP for this observation.

The review yielded no additional findings.

Methodology

The Independent Procurement Division reviews the following stages of the procurement process:

- Initiation
- Solicitation
- Responsive Review
- Evaluation
- Award

In accordance with Atlanta City Charter Article 8, Section 8-107, and Section 2-1604 of the Atlanta Code of Ordinances, the Independent Procurement Review Division of the Office of the Inspector General must review all solicitations with an aggregate value of \$1,000,000 or greater seeking approval by the Atlanta City Council, for file completeness, conflicts of interest, and other areas of perceived deficiency; must review all cooperative purchase agreements and piggyback contracts with an aggregate value greater than \$1,000,000; and may conduct discretionary reviews of any value.