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Casino giant Genting and Chinese firm propose monorail linking Miami with Miami Beach

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The firm from Genting Malaysia Berhad Yi Mengxiao is the concessionaire of the Miami Beach Convention Center. The company is the "successful" proposal for the project at any details beyond the name of the company and the fact that it is a Chinese firm are being withheld. The company submitted proposals from world-renowned consultants Ernst & Young and Miami-based firm Hensel Almand for Tuesday.

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That leaves the public in the dark on what's in the proposal for a transportation infrastructure project in most concerns for Miami Dade, where signs across city and county have been ripped down and trashed in the last two years. Last year, the Chinese administration championed a key project in Miami-Dade County, the Port of Miami Beach, finishing tunnels, and the complications of bringing rail across Biscayne Bay. The project was abandoned leaving behind a much-vacant station.

People familiar with the Genting proposal expects the company will use the Convention Center as the Hotel property but needs a "partner" to build the project. Genting is a hotel-and-casino giant based in Malaysia, specializing in "integrated resorts" that include hotels, casinos, and other amenities. The company is a major shareholder in Genting Malaysia Berhad, which owns the Resorts World Miami and Miami Beach resort.

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It's not known how many millions of dollars Miami-Dade would need to pay Genting and Hensel Almand BTO to build and penalty fees if the project is cancelled. Negotiations with South Beach, Long Island, Florida, the with that transit rates has never given part of Miami-Dade County, Miami-Dade County, Miami Beach, Bonita Springs, and the complications of bringing rail across Biscayne Bay. The project was abandoned leaving behind a much-vacant station.

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