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COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Dan Gelber and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: February 13, 2019

SUBJECT: **REQUEST APPROVAL TO ISSUE INVITATION TO NEGOTIATE (ITN) NO. 2019-138-KB FOR HYDROPONIC FARMING PARTNERSHIP**

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the issuance of the ITN.

BACKGROUND

Indoor farming is proving to be an efficient way to produce more food with fewer resources than conventional farming, without dependence on arable land availability and external climate conditions. Indoor farming can utilize a mechanical system to provide plants with nutrients and light levels required for growth, and often implements growing methods utilizing emerging technologies such as hydroponics.

One of the advantages of indoor farming is the control of necessary conditions to achieve optimal survival, growth, and maturation of any given crop, thereby ensuring maximum yield per square foot of growing space. Indoor farming uses land and water more efficiently than conventional farming, and could become a strategy for sustainable feeding, as long as its high energy demand can be met through efficiency measures and/or the use of cost-effective renewables.

Vacant buildings and unused spaces can be transformed into indoor farms using hydroponic, aquaponics, apiary and aeroponic systems, as well as space saving strategies of "vertical farming" to grow fresh food, which is often in short supply in urban areas. Hydroponic and vertical farms can be produced in temporary, moveable equipment such as shipping containers.

The purpose of this solicitation is to seek proposals from firms interested in partnering with the City for a hydroponic container farm project.

The North Beach neighborhood has been identified as an appropriate area to test new methods of urban farming by adapting the shipping container model on one or more vacant City-owned lots known as the North Beach "West Lots" spanning from 79th to 87th streets the length of the North Shore Oceanside Park.

In May 2018, the City discussed a temporary pilot program for a hydroponic farm in North Beach (or other areas of the City).

Staff examined different areas in the community that could house a hydroponic farm but did not identify any vacant City buildings that would suitably accommodate an indoor farm or greenhouse. Therefore, the City is considering a model using shipping containers to house plants. The eight, vacant City-owned lots known as the North Beach "West Lots," spanning from 79th to 87th Streets across the

North Shore Oceanside Park, could provide an opportunity to test this new farming method. Given the size and structure of the containers, Staff recommends adapting a portion of a vacant West Lot as a test site for the container model.

Concurrent with development of this item, the City has been working with Dover, Kohl & Partners to examine the future use(s) of the eight, GU-zoned West Lots. Through community charrettes and meetings, residents have expressed a need for better access to fresh, healthy food in the North Beach community and an interest in a hydroponic garden as a potential remedy.

At the June 27, 2018 Commission meeting, Dover Kohl presented an initial conceptual design entitled The Plan for the West Lots (the "West Lots Plan"). In light of the presentation, the City Commission included funding for redevelopment of the West Lots as a G.O. Bond item in the November 6, 2018 election. Dover Kohl's planning study, directly informed by community input, highlighted five key recommendations, including showcasing resilience and sustainability; civic/social uses which compliment the passive park; and a preference for lower height and less impactful uses in the inner core of the West Lots. Dover Kohl specifically proposed a hydroponic farm as an eco-friendly design principle that would support these key recommendations. Dover Kohl's Plan for the West Lots is available online at <https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/West-Lots-Design-Plan.pdf>.

In other cities, the hydroponic farm is typically treated as an industrial use and located away from residential areas. The farms typically operate in agriculture or industrial districts rather than the center of walkable, mixed-use environments. Farm operations within shipping containers often resemble windowless box structures inside a parking lot with large waste-removal and recycling areas, and enormous bays that can accommodate delivery trucks. This traditional method for hydroponic farms would not be compatible with the community vision found in the North Beach Master Plan available at http://www.miamibeachfl.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/PlanNoBe_Adopted101916_sm.pdf.

However, a farm may be compatible with the Master Plan vision if the operation was successfully integrated into future programming for the West Lots. The West Lots Plan proposed the North Beach Yard, on West Lot 3 (between 81st and 82nd Streets), as an optimal site for a vertical farm. The proposed project's site plan already includes planting beds in its northeast corner and its operators indicated to Dover Kohl that a hydroponic farm aligned with their core mission. In the alternative, Dover Kohl suggested possible locations as the proposed eco-park on Lot 2 (between 80th and 81st Streets) or the proposed tropical garden on Lot 6 (between 84th and 85th Streets).

During the September 26, 2018 Sustainability and Resiliency Committee (SRC), the recommended that next best steps was to issue a solicitation and allow the experts to provide their ideas. Procurement recommended utilizing the Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) process and SRC agreed. During the October 17, 2018 City Commission Meeting, the Commission accepted the recommendation of SRC to develop a solicitation seeking proposals from firms interested in partnering with the City to create container hydroponic farming opportunities in the West Lots.

Staff has completed the necessary research and has developed that attached ITN.

Following the receipt of proposals an Evaluation Committee will review proposals in accordance with the criteria established in the ITN. I am considering appointing the following individuals to serve on the Evaluation Committee:

- Heather Shaw, Assistant Director, Tourism & Culture Department
- Flavia Tonioli, Sustainability Manager, Environment & Sustainability Department
- Margueritte Ramos, Resident Representative from North Beach
- Justin Karr, Real Estate Asset Specialist, Office of Real Estate
- Rodney Knowles, Division Director, Greenspace

Alternates:

- Daniel Veitia, Resident and Planning Board Member
- Cindy Casanova, Assistant Director, Parks & Recreation Department
- Steve Haas, Director of Operations, Centerplate, Miami Beach Convention Center

CONCLUSION

The City Manager recommends that the Mayor and Commission authorize the issuance of the ITN 2019-138- KB for Hydroponic Farming Partnership.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: ITN 2019-138- KB for Hydroponic Farming Partnership.

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INVITATION TO NEGOTIATE (ITN)

HYDROPONIC FARMING PARTNERSHIP

2019-138-KB

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ITN ISSUANCE DATE: FEBRUARY 15, 2019

PROPOSALS DUE: APRIL 1, 2019 @ 3:00 PM

ISSUED BY:

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SECTION 0200

INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS & GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. GENERAL. This Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) is issued by the City of Miami Beach, Florida (the "City"), as the means for prospective Proposers to submit their qualifications, proposed scopes of work and cost proposals (the "proposal") to the City for the City's consideration as an option in achieving the required scope of services and requirements as noted herein. All documents released in connection with this solicitation, including all appendixes and addenda, whether included herein or released under separate cover, comprise the solicitation, and are complementary to one another and together establish the complete terms, conditions and obligations of the Proposers and, subsequently, the successful Proposer(s) (the "contractor[s]") if this ITN results in an award.

The City utilizes **PublicPurchase** (www.publicpurchase.com) for automatic notification of competitive solicitation opportunities and document fulfillment, including the issuance of any addendum to this ITN. Any prospective Proposer who has received this ITN by any means other than through **PublicPurchase** must register immediately with **PublicPurchase** to assure it receives any addendum issued to this ITN. **Failure to receive an addendum may result in disqualification of proposal submitted.**

2. PURPOSE. The City is seeking to activate vacant City-owned lots known as the North Beach "West Lots" that span from 79th to 87th streets on the west side of Collins Avenue and along the length of the North Shore Oceanside Park in the North Beach neighborhood. One or more of these lots has been identified as an appropriate area to test new methods of urban farming commonly known as container hydroponic farming. The idea is to adapt shipping containers to grow various forms of produce on one or more of these lots, and would include any site improvements/beautification that will result in an attractive and innovative viable urban farming facility for the neighborhood.

The purpose of this ITN is to seek proposals from experienced operators of container hydroponic farms interested in partnering with the City in developing one or more container hydroponic sites on City-owned land. If mutually agreed upon, the operator would be required to furnish, install, operate and maintain the equipment and technology (hardware/software) necessary to grow leafy green vegetables, herbs, flowers, and fruits using a hydroponic container system for the City of Miami Beach.

Interested parties shall submit their proposals for the City's consideration in accordance with Section 0300 of this ITN.

2.1 Background. In May 2018, the City discussed a temporary pilot program for a hydroponic farm in North Beach (or other areas of the City). Staff examined different areas in the community that could house a hydroponic farm but did not identify any vacant City buildings that would suitably accommodate an indoor farm or greenhouse. Therefore, the City is considering a model using shipping containers to house plants. The eight, vacant City-owned lots known as the North Beach "West Lots," spanning from 79th to 87th Streets across the North Shore Oceanside Park, could provide an opportunity to test this new farming method. Given the size and structure of the containers, Staff recommends adapting a portion of a vacant West Lot as a test site for the container model.

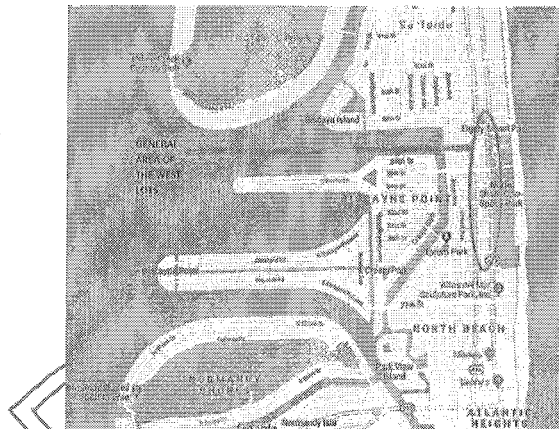
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2.2 Location.



2.3 Analysis. In other cities, the hydroponic farm is typically treated as an industrial use and located away from residential areas. The farms typically operate in agriculture or industrial districts rather than the center of walkable, mixed-use environments. Farm operations within shipping containers often resemble windowless box structures inside a parking lot with large waste-removal and recycling areas, and enormous bays that can accommodate delivery trucks. This traditional method for indoor farms may not be compatible with the community vision articulated in the North Beach Master Plan (2016), available at http://www.miamibeachfl.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/PlanNoBe_Adopted101916_sm.pdf.

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3. ANTICIPATED ITN TIMETABLE. The tentative schedule for this solicitation is as follows:

ITN Issued	February 15, 2019
Pre-Proposal Meeting	February 26, 2019 at 10:00am
Deadline for Receipt of Questions	March 22, 2019 at 5:00pm
Responses Due	April 1, 2019 at 3:00pm
Evaluation Committee Review	April 16, 2019 at 8:00am
Proposer Presentations	TBD
Tentative Commission Approval	May 8, 2019
Contract Negotiations	Following Commission Approval

4. PROCUREMENT CONTACT. Any questions or clarifications concerning this solicitation shall be submitted to the Procurement Contact noted below:

Procurement Contact:

Kristy Bada

Telephone:

305-673-7490

Email:

kristybada@miamibeachfl.gov

Additionally, the City Clerk is to be copied on all communications via e-mail at: RafaelGranado@miamibeachfl.gov, or via facsimile: 786-394-4188.

The Bid title/number shall be referenced on all correspondence. All questions or requests for clarification must be received no later than seven (7) calendar days prior to the date proposals are due as scheduled in Section 0200-3. All responses to questions/clarifications will be sent to all prospective Proposers in the form of an addendum.

5. PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING OR SITE VISIT(S). Interested parties are strongly encouraged to attend the Pre-Proposal Meeting to be held as scheduled in Sub-section 3 above. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the goals and requirements of the ITN and consider any questions that interested parties may have. The meeting be held at the following address:

**City of Miami Beach
Procurement Department
Conference Room
1755 Meridian Avenue, 3rd Floor
Miami Beach, Florida 33139**

Attendance (in person or via telephone) is encouraged and recommended as a source of information, but is not mandatory. Proposers interested in participating in the Pre-Proposal Submission Meeting via telephone must follow these steps:

- (1) Dial the TELEPHONE NUMBER: 1- 888-270-9936 (Toll-free North America)
- (2) Enter the MEETING NUMBER: 1142644

Proposers who are interested in participating via telephone should send an e-mail to the contact person listed in this ITN expressing their intent to participate via telephone.

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6. PRE-PROPOSAL INTERPRETATIONS. Oral information or responses to questions received by prospective Proposers are not binding on the City and will be without legal effect, including any information received at pre-submittal meeting or site visit(s). The City by means of Addenda will issue interpretations or written addenda clarifications considered necessary by the City in response to questions. Only questions answered by written addenda will be binding and may supersede terms noted in this solicitation. Addendum will be released through *PublicPurchase*. Any prospective proposer who has received this ITN by any means other than through *PublicPurchase* must register immediately with *PublicPurchase* to assure it receives any addendum issued to this ITN. Failure to receive an addendum may result in disqualification of proposal. Written questions should be received no later than the date outlined in the **Anticipated ITN Timetable** section.

7. CONE OF SILENCE. This ITN is subject to, and all proposers are expected to be or become familiar with, the City's Cone of Silence Requirements, as codified in Section 2-486 of the City Code. Proposers shall be solely responsible for ensuring that all applicable provisions of the City's Cone of Silence are complied with, and shall be subject to any and all sanctions, as prescribed therein, including rendering their response voidable, in the event of such non-compliance. Communications regarding this solicitation are to be submitted in writing to the Procurement Contact named herein with a copy to the City Clerk at rafaelgranado@miamibeachfl.gov

8. SPECIAL NOTICES. You are hereby advised that this solicitation is subject to the following ordinances/resolutions, which may be found on the City Of Miami Beach website:
<http://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/procurement/procurement-related-ordinance-and-procedures/>

- CONE OF SILENCE..... CITY CODE SECTION 2-486
- PROTEST PROCEDURES..... CITY CODE SECTION 2-371
- DEBARMENT PROCEEDINGS..... CITY CODE SECTIONS 2-397 THROUGH 2-485.3
- LOBBYIST REGISTRATION AND DISCLOSURE OF FEES..... CITY CODE SECTIONS 2-481 THROUGH 2-406
- CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS BY VENDORS..... CITY CODE SECTION 2-487
- CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS BY LOBBYISTS ON PROCUREMENT ISSUES..... CITY CODE SECTION 2-488
- REQUIREMENT FOR CITY CONTRACTORS TO PROVIDE EQUAL BENEFITS FOR DOMESTIC PARTNERS..... CITY CODE SECTION 2-373
- LIVING WAGE REQUIREMENT..... CITY CODE SECTIONS 2-407 THROUGH 2-410
- PREFERENCE FOR FLORIDA SMALL BUSINESSES OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY VETERANS AND TO STATE-CERTIFIED SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES..... CITY CODE SECTION 2-374
- FALSE CLAIMS ORDINANCE..... CITY CODE SECTION 70-300
- ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS, FAVORS & SERVICES..... CITY CODE SECTION 2-449

9. PUBLIC ENTITY CRIME. A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for public entity crimes may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, sub-contractor, or consultant under a contract with a public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Sec. 287.017, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

10. COMPLIANCE WITH THE CITY'S LOBBYIST LAWS. This ITN is subject to, and all Proposers are expected to be or become familiar with, all City lobbyist laws. Proposers shall be solely responsible for ensuring that all City lobbyist laws are complied with, and shall be subject to any and all sanctions, as prescribed therein, including, without limitation, disqualification of their responses, in the event of such non-compliance.

11. DEBARMENT ORDINANCE: This ITN is subject to, and all proposers are expected to be or become familiar with, the City's Debarment Ordinance as codified in Sections 2-397 through 2-406 of the City Code.

12. WITH THE CITY'S CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM LAWS. This ITN is subject to, and all Proposers are expected to be or become familiar with, the City's Campaign Finance Reform laws, as codified in Sections 2-487 through 2-490 of the City Code. Proposers shall be solely responsible for ensuring that all applicable provisions of the City's Campaign Finance Reform laws are complied with, and shall be subject to any and all sanctions, as prescribed therein, including disqualification of their responses, in the event of such non-compliance.

13. CODE OF BUSINESS ETHICS. Pursuant to City Resolution No.2000-23879, the Proposer shall adopt a Code of Business Ethics ("Code") and submit that Code to the Procurement Division with its response or within five (5) days upon receipt of request. The Code shall, at a minimum, require the Proposer, to comply with all applicable governmental rules and regulations including, among others, the conflict of interest, lobbying and ethics provision of the City of Miami Beach and Miami Dade County.

14. AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA). Call 305-673-7490 to request material in accessible format; sign language interpreters (five (5) days in advance when possible), or information on access for persons with disabilities. For more information on ADA compliance, please call the Public Works Department, at 305-673- 7000, Extension 2984.

15. POSTPONEMENT OF DUE DATE FOR RECEIPT OF PROPOSALS. The City reserves the right to postpone the deadline for submittal of proposals and will make a reasonable effort to give at least three (3) calendar days written notice of any such postponement to all prospective Proposers through *PublicPurchase*.

16. PROTESTS. Proposers that are not selected may protest any recommendation for selection of award in accordance with the proceedings established pursuant to the City's bid protest procedures, as codified in Sections 2-370 and 2-371 of the City Code (the City's Bid Protest Ordinance). Protest not timely made pursuant to the requirements of the City's Bid Protest Ordinance shall be barred.

17. NOT USED.

18. VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES PREFERENCE. Pursuant to City Code Section 2-374, the City shall give a preference to a responsive and responsible Proposer which is a small business concern owned and controlled by a veteran(s) or which is a service-disabled veteran business enterprise, and which is within five percent (5%) of the lowest responsive, responsible proposer, by providing such proposer an opportunity of providing said goods or contractual services for the lowest responsive proposal amount (or in this ITN, the highest proposal amount). Whenever, as a result of the foregoing preference, the adjusted prices of two (2) or more proposers which are a small business concern owned and controlled by a veteran(s) or a service-disabled veteran business enterprise constitute the lowest proposal pursuant to an ITN or oral or written request for quotation, and such proposals are responsive, responsible and otherwise equal with respect to quality and service, then the award shall be made to the service-disabled veteran business enterprise.

19. DETERMINATION OF AWARD. The final ranking results of Step 1 & 2 outlined in Section 0400, Evaluation of Proposals, will be considered by the City Manager who may recommend to the City Commission the Proposer(s) s/he deems to be in the best interest of the City or may recommend rejection of all proposals. The City Manager's recommendation need not be consistent with the scoring results identified herein and takes into consideration Miami Beach City Code Section 2-369, including the following considerations:

- (1) The ability, capacity and skill of the Proposer to perform the contract.
- (2) Whether the Proposer can perform the contract within the time specified, without delay or interference.
- (3) The character, integrity, reputation, judgment, experience and efficiency of the Proposer.

(4) The quality of performance of previous contracts.

(5) The previous and existing compliance by the Proposer with laws and ordinances relating to the contract.

The City Commission shall consider the City Manager's recommendation and may approve such recommendation. The City Commission may also, at its option, reject the City Manager's recommendation and select another Proposal or Proposals which it deems to be in the best interest of the City, or it may also reject all Proposals.

20. NEGOTIATIONS. Following selection, the City reserves the right to enter into further negotiations with the selected Proposer(s). Notwithstanding the preceding, the City is in no way obligated to enter into a contract with any selected Proposer in the event the parties are unable to negotiate a contract. It is also understood and acknowledged by Proposers that no property, contract or legal rights of any kind shall be created at any time until and unless an Agreement has been agreed to; approved by the City; and executed by the parties.

21. POSTPONEMENT/CANCELLATION/ACCEPTANCE/REJECTION. The City may, at its sole and absolute discretion, reject any and all, or parts of any and all, responses; re-advertise this ITN; postpone or cancel, at any time, this ITN process; or waive any irregularities in this ITN, or in any responses received as a result of this ITN. Reasonable efforts will be made to either award the proposer the contract or reject all proposals within one-hundred twenty (120) calendar days after proposal opening date. A proposer may withdraw its proposal after expiration of one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of proposal opening by delivering written notice of withdrawal to the Department of Procurement Management prior to award of the contract by the City Commission.

22. PROPOSER'S RESPONSIBILITY. Before submitting a response, each Proposer shall be solely responsible for making any and all investigations, evaluations, and examinations, as it deems necessary, to ascertain all conditions and requirements affecting the full performance of the contract. Ignorance of such conditions and requirements, and/or failure to make such evaluations, investigations, and examinations, will not relieve the Proposer from any obligation to comply with every detail and with all provisions and requirements of the contract, and will not be accepted as a basis for any subsequent claim whatsoever for any monetary consideration on the part of the Proposer.

23. COSTS INCURRED BY PROPOSERS. All expenses involved with the preparation and submission of Proposals, or any work performed in connection therewith, shall be the sole responsibility (and shall be at the sole cost and expense) of the Proposer, and shall not be reimbursed by the City.

24. RELATIONSHIP TO THE CITY. It is the intent of the City, and Proposers hereby acknowledge and agree, that the successful Proposer is considered to be an independent contractor, and that neither the Proposer, nor the Proposer's employees, agents, and/or contractors, shall, under any circumstances, be considered employees or agents of the City.

25. OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY. In compliance with Chapter 442, Florida Statutes, any toxic substance listed in Section 38F-41.03 of the Florida Administrative Code delivered as a result of this proposal must be accompanied by a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) which may be obtained from the manufacturer.

26. ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS. The City reserves the right to consider a proposer's history of citations and/or violations of environmental regulations in investigating a proposer's responsibility, and further reserves the right to declare a proposer not responsible if the history of violations warrant such determination in the opinion of the City. Proposer shall submit with its proposal, a complete history of all citations and/or violations, notices and dispositions thereof. The non-submission of any such documentation shall be deemed to be an affirmation by the Proposer that there are no citations or violations. Proposer shall notify the City immediately of notice of any citation or violation which proposer may receive after the proposal opening date and during the time of performance of any

contract awarded to it.

27. TAXES. The City of Miami Beach is exempt from all Federal Excise and State taxes.

28. MISTAKES. Proposers are expected to examine the terms, conditions, specifications, delivery schedules, proposed pricing, and all instructions pertaining to the goods and services relative to this ITN. Failure to do so will be at the Proposer's risk and may result in the Proposal being non-responsive.

29. PAYMENT. Payment will be made by the City after the goods or services have been received, inspected, and found to comply with contract, specifications, free of damage or defect, and are properly invoiced. Invoices must be consistent with Purchase Order format.

30. COPYRIGHT, PATENTS & ROYALTIES. Proposer shall indemnify and save harmless the City of Miami Beach, Florida, and its officers, employees, contractors, and/or agents, from liability of any nature or kind, including cost and expenses for, or on account of, any copyrighted, patented, or unpatented invention, process, or article manufactured or used in the performance of the contract, including its use by the City of Miami Beach, Florida. If the Proposer uses any design, device or materials covered by letters, patent, or copyright, it is mutually understood and agreed, without exception, that the proposal prices shall include all royalties or cost arising from the use of such design, device, or materials in any way involved in the work.

31. DEFAULT: Failure or refusal of the selected Proposer to execute a contract following approval of such contract by the City Commission, or untimely withdrawal of a response before such award is made and approved, may result in a claim for damages by the City and may be grounds for removing the Proposer from the City's vendor list.

32. MANNER OF PERFORMANCE. Proposer agrees to perform its duties and obligations in a professional manner and in accordance with all applicable Local, State, County, and Federal laws, rules, regulations and codes. Lack of knowledge or ignorance by the Proposer with/ or applicable laws will in no way be a cause for relief from responsibility. Proposer agrees that the services provided shall be provided by employees that are educated, trained, experienced, certified, and licensed in all areas encompassed within their designated duties. Proposer agrees to furnish to the City any and all documentation, certification, authorization, license, permit, or registration currently required by applicable laws, rules, and regulations. Proposer further certifies that it and its employees will keep all licenses, permits, registrations, authorizations, or certifications required by applicable laws or regulations in full force and effect during the term of this contract. Failure of Proposer to comply with this paragraph shall constitute a material breach of this contract.

Where contractor is required to enter or go on to City of Miami Beach property to deliver materials or perform work or services as a result of any contract resulting from this solicitation, the contractor will assume the full duty, obligation and expense of obtaining all necessary licenses, permits, and insurance, and assure all work complies with all applicable laws. The contractor shall be liable for any damages or loss to the City occasioned by negligence of the Proposer, or its officers, employees, contractors, and/or agents, for failure to comply with applicable laws.

33. SPECIAL CONDITIONS. Any and all Special Conditions that may vary from these General Terms and Conditions shall have precedence.

34. NON-DISCRIMINATION. The Proposer certifies that it is in compliance with the non-discrimination clause contained in Section 202, Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375, relative to equal employment opportunity for all persons without regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin. In accordance with the City's Human Rights Ordinance, codified in Chapter 62 of the City Code, Proposer shall prohibit (and cause hotel operator to prohibit) discrimination by reason of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, intersexuality, gender

identity, sexual orientation, marital and familial status, and age or disability in the sale, lease, use or occupancy of the Hotel Project or any portion thereof.

35. DEMONSTRATION OF COMPETENCY. The city may consider any evidence available regarding the financial, technical, and other qualifications and abilities of a Proposer, including past performance (experience) in making an award that is in the best interest of the City, including:

- A. Pre-award inspection of the Proposer's facility may be made prior to the award of contract.
- B. Proposals will only be considered from firms which are regularly engaged in the business of providing the goods and/or services as described in this solicitation.
- C. Proposers must be able to demonstrate a good record of performance for a reasonable period of time, and have sufficient financial capacity, equipment, and organization to ensure that they can satisfactorily perform the services if awarded a contract under the terms and conditions of this solicitation.
- D. The terms "equipment and organization", as used herein shall, be construed to mean a fully equipped and well established company in line with the best business practices in the industry, and as determined by the City of Miami Beach.
- E. The City may consider any evidence available regarding the financial, technical, and other qualifications and abilities of a Proposer, including past performance (experience), in making an award that is in the best interest of the City.
- F. The City may require Proposer s to show proof that they have been designated as authorized representatives of a manufacturer or supplier, which is the actual source of supply. In these instances, the City may also require material information from the source of supply regarding the quality, packaging, and characteristics of the products to be supply to the City.

36. ASSIGNMENT. The successful Proposer shall not assign, transfer, convey, sublet or otherwise dispose of the contract, including any or all of its right, title or interest therein, or his/her or its power to execute such contract, to any person, company or corporation, without the prior written consent of the City.

37. LAWS, PERMITS AND REGULATIONS. The Proposer shall obtain and pay for all licenses, permits, and inspection fees required to complete the work and shall comply with all applicable laws.

38. OPTIONAL CONTRACT USAGE. When the successful Proposer (s) is in agreement, other units of government or non-profit agencies may participate in purchases pursuant to the award of this contract at the option of the unit of government or non-profit agency.

39. VOLUME OF WORK TO BE RECEIVED BY CONTRACTOR. It is the intent of the City to purchase the goods and services specifically listed in this solicitation from the contractor. However, the City reserves the right to purchase any goods or services awarded from state or other governmental contract, or on an as-needed basis through the City's spot market purchase provisions.

40. DISPUTES. In the event of a conflict between the documents, the order of priority of the documents shall be as follows:

- A. Any contract or agreement resulting from the award of this solicitation; then
- B. Addendum issued for this solicitation, with the latest Addendum taking precedence; then
- C. The solicitation; then
- D. The Proposer's proposal in response to the solicitation.

41. INDEMNIFICATION. The Proposer shall indemnify and hold harmless the City and its officers, employees, agents and instrumentalities from any and all liability, losses or damages, including attorney's fees and costs of defense, which the City or its officers, employees, agents or instrumentalities may incur as a result of claims,

demands, suits, causes of actions or proceedings of any kind or nature arising out of, relating to or resulting from the performance of the agreement by the contractor or its employees, agents, servants, partners, principals or subcontractors. The contractor shall pay all claims and losses in connection therewith, and shall investigate and defend all claims, suits or actions of any kind or nature in the name of the City, where applicable, including appellate proceedings, and shall pay all costs, judgments, and attorney's fees which may be incurred thereon. The Proposer expressly understands and agrees that any insurance protection required by this Agreement or otherwise provided by the contractor shall in no way limit the responsibility to indemnify, keep and save harmless and defend the City or its officers, employees, agents and instrumentalities as herein provided. The above indemnification provisions shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

42. CONTRACT EXTENSION. The City reserves the right to require the Contractor to extend contract past the stated termination date for a period of up to 120 days in the event that a subsequent contract has not yet been awarded. Additional extensions past the 120 days may occur as needed by the City and as mutually agreed upon by the City and the contractor.

43. FLORIDA PUBLIC RECORDS LAW. Proposers are hereby notified that all Bid including, without limitation, any and all information and documentation submitted therewith, are exempt from public records requirements under Section 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Art. 1 of the State Constitution until such time as the City provides notice of an intended decision or until thirty (30) days after opening of the proposals, whichever is earlier. Additionally, Contractor agrees to be in full compliance with Florida Statute 119.0701 including, but not limited to, agreement to (a) Keep and maintain public records that ordinarily and necessarily would be required by the public agency in order to perform the services; (b) provide the public with access to public records on the same terms and conditions that the public agency would provide the records and at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in this chapter or as otherwise provided by law; (c) Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law; (d) Meet all requirements for retaining public records and transfer at no cost, to the public agency all public records in possession of the contractor upon termination of the contract and destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the public agency in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the public agency.

44. NEGOTIATIONS. The City reserves the right to enter into further negotiations with the selected Proposer. Notwithstanding the preceding, the City is in no way obligated to enter into a contract with the selected Proposer in the event the parties are unable to negotiate a contract. It is also understood and acknowledged by Proposers that no property, contract or legal rights of any kind shall be created at any time until and unless a Development and Ground Lease Agreement has been agreed to; approved by the City; executed by the parties, and approved pursuant to the Referendum.

45. OBSERVANCE OF LAWS. Proposers are expected to be familiar with, and comply with, all Federal, State, County, and City laws, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations, and all orders and decrees of bodies or tribunals having jurisdiction or authority which, in any manner, may affect the scope of services and/or project contemplated by this ITN (including, without limitation, the Americans with Disabilities Act, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, the EEOC Uniform Guidelines, and all EEO regulations and guidelines). Ignorance of the law(s) on the part of the Proposer will in no way relieve it from responsibility for compliance.

46. CONFLICT OF INTEREST. All Proposers must disclose, in their Proposal, the name(s) of any officer, director, agent, or immediate family member (spouse, parent, sibling, and child) who is also an employee of the City of Miami Beach. Further, all Proposers must disclose the name of any City employee who owns, either directly or indirectly, an interest of ten (10%) percent or more in the Proposer entity or any of its affiliates.

47. MODIFICATION/WITHDRAWALS OF PROPOSALS. A Proposer may submit a modified Proposal to replace all or any portion of a previously submitted Proposal up until the Proposal due date and time. Modifications received after the Proposal due date and time will not be considered. Proposals shall be irrevocable until contract award unless withdrawn in writing prior to the Proposal due date, or after expiration of **120** calendar days from the opening of Proposals without a contract award. Letters of withdrawal received after the Proposal due date and before said expiration date, and letters of withdrawal received after contract award will not be considered.

48. EXCEPTIONS TO ITN. Proposers must clearly indicate any exceptions they wish to take to any of the terms in this ITN, and outline what, if any, alternative is being offered. All exceptions and alternatives shall be included and clearly delineated, in writing, in the Proposal. The City, at its sole and absolute discretion, may accept or reject any or all exceptions and alternatives. In cases in which exceptions and alternatives are rejected, the City shall require the Proposer to comply with the particular term and/or condition of the ITN to which Proposer took exception to (as said term and/or condition was originally set forth on the ITN).

49. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS, FAVORS, SERVICES. Proposers shall not offer any gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value to any official, employee, or agent of the City, for the purpose of influencing consideration of this Proposal. Pursuant to Sec. 2-449 of the City Code, no officer or employee of the City shall accept any gift, favor or service that might reasonably tend improperly to influence him in the discharge of his official duties.

50. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION. City reserves the right to request supplemental information from Proposers at any time during the ITN solicitation process.

51. ADDITIONAL SERVICES. Although this solicitation and resultant contract identifies specific goods, services or facilities ("items"), it is hereby agreed and understood that the City, through the approval of the Department and Procurement Directors (for additional items up to \$50,000) or the City Manager (for additional items greater than \$50,000), may require additional items to be added to the Contract which are required to complete the work. When additional items are required to be added to the Contract, awarded vendor(s), as applicable to the item being requested, under this contract may be invited to submit price quote(s) for these additional requirements. If these quote(s) are determined to be fair and reasonable, then the additional work will be awarded to the current contract vendor(s) that offers the lowest acceptable pricing. The additional items shall be added to this contract by through a Purchase Order (or Change Order if Purchase Order already exists). In some cases, the City may deem it necessary to add additional items through a formal amendment to the Contract, to be approved by the City Manager.

The City may determine to obtain price quotes for the additional items from other vendors in the event that fair and reasonable pricing is not obtained from the current contract vendors, or for other reasons at the City's discretion.

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SECTION 0300

PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS AND FORMAT

1. SEALED PROPOSALS. One original Proposal (preferably in 3-ring binder) must be submitted in an opaque, sealed envelope or container on or before the due date established for the receipt of proposals. Additionally, ten (10) bound copies and one (1) electronic format (CD or USB format) are to be submitted. The following information should be clearly marked on the face of the envelope or container in which the proposal is submitted: solicitation number, solicitation title, Proposer name, Proposer return address. Proposals received electronically, either through email or facsimile, are not acceptable and will be rejected.

2. LATE PROPOSALS. Proposals are to be received on or before the due date established herein. **Any Proposal received after the deadline established for receipt of Proposals will be considered late and not be accepted or will be returned to Proposer unopened.** The City does not accept responsibility for any delays, natural or otherwise.

3. PROPOSAL FORMAT. In order to maintain comparability, facilitate the review process and assist the Evaluation Committee in review of Proposals, it is strongly recommended that Proposals be organized and tabbed in accordance with the sections and manner specified below. Hard copy submittal should be tabbed as enumerated below and contain a table of contents with page references. Electronic copies should also be tabbed and contain a table of contents with page references. Proposals that do not include the required information will be deemed non-responsive and will not be considered.

4. OMITTED OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. With exception of the Proposal Certification Form (Appendix A) and the Cost/Revenue Proposal, if applicable, the City reserves the right to seek any omitted information/documentation or any additional information from Proposer or other source(s), including but not limited to: any firm or principal information, applicable licensure, resumes of relevant individuals, client information, financial information, or any information the City deems necessary to evaluate the capacity of the Proposer to perform in accordance with contract requirements. Failure to submit any omitted or additional information in accordance with the City's request shall result in proposal being deemed non-responsive.

TAB 1 Required Forms

1.1 Table of Contents. The table of contents should indicate the tabs, sections with tabs and page numbers to facilitate the evaluation committee's review.

1.2 Proposal Certification, Questionnaire & Requirements Affidavit (Appendix A). Failure to submit the signed Proposal Certification Form with the Proposal shall result in Proposal being deemed non-responsive.

TAB 2 Experience & Qualifications

2.1 Qualifications of Proposing Firm. Submit detailed information regarding the relevant experience and proven track record of the firm and/or its principals in providing the concepts identified in this solicitation. For each project that the Proposer submits as evidence of similar experience for the firm and/or any principal, the following is required: project description, agency name, agency contact, contact telephone & email, and year(s) and term of engagement. For each project, identify whether the experience is for the firm or for a principal (include name of principal).

2.2 Qualifications of Proposer Team. On the organizational chart submitted in response to Tab 1.1, identify all personnel and sub-consultants proposed to be used for this project. Include the role that each team member will play in providing the services detailed herein and each team members' qualifications. For each individual, provide a resume, including education, experience, and any other pertinent information. For each sub-consultant, provide detailed information about the firm and its principals.

TAB 3 Proposed Concept

Submit detailed information that explains the proposed concept that addresses the goals of this ITN as identified in Section 0200, Sub-section 2, including, but not limited to, information on containers, produce grown, aesthetics, potential layouts within a site, sales/community center options, and any other information that presents as complete a picture as possible of the proposed concept.

Responses shall be in sufficient detail and include supporting documentation, as applicable, which will allow the Evaluation Committee to complete a fully review and score the proposed scope of services.

TAB 4 Approach and Methodology

Submit detailed information on how Proposer would accomplish the proposed concept, including, but not limited to:

- 1. Site Analysis and Selection.** Identify the methodology that would be used to select the site that would provide the greatest yield.
- 2. Operational Plan.** Provide a sample operational plan that includes start-up requirements, staffing, distribution, and maintenance.
- 3. Community Engagement & Communications.** Identify how the community would be engaged to assure that the end result is seen by the community as a beneficial asset.

TAB 5 Preliminary Financial Considerations

Submit preliminary financial considerations that includes all potential costs and revenues. Include any information on financial benefits that could be yielded by the City.

4. FINANCIAL CAPACITY. Within three (3) business days of request by the City, each Proposer shall arrange for Dun & Bradstreet to submit a Supplier Qualification Report (SQR) directly to the Procurement Contact named herein. No proposal will be considered without receipt, by the City, of the SQR directly from Dun & Bradstreet. The cost of the preparation of the SQR shall be the responsibility of the Proposer. The Proposer shall request the SQR report from D&B at:

<https://supplierportal.dnb.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/SupplierPortal?storeId=11696>

Proposers are responsible for the accuracy of the information contained in its SQR. It is highly recommended that each Proposer review the information contained in its SQR for accuracy prior to submittal to the City and as early as possible in the solicitation process. For assistance with any portion of the SQR submittal process, contact Dun & Bradstreet at 800-424-2495.

5. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR CLARIFICATION. After proposal submittal, the City reserves the right to require additional information from Proposers (or Proposer team members or sub-consultants) to determine: qualifications (including, but not limited to, litigation history, regulatory action, or additional references); and financial capability (including, but not limited to, annual reviewed/audited financial statements with the auditors notes for each of their last two complete fiscal years).

The City reserves the right to request any documentation omitted, with exception of the Cost/Revenue (as applicable) Proposal Form (Appendix E), Proposal Certification, Questionnaire & Requirements Affidavit (Appendix A), and Bid Bond (if applicable). Submittals received that do not include the Cost/Revenue Proposal Form, completed as required and fully executed, or Bid Bond (if applicable) shall be deemed non-responsive. Bidder must submit any omitted documentation within three (3) business days upon request from the City, or the bid may be deemed non-responsive. Non-responsive bid packages will receive no further consideration.

SECTION 0400**PROPOSAL EVALUATION**

1. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS. All responsive proposals will be evaluated in accordance with this section. If more than one proposal is received, the City Manager may appoint an Evaluation Committee to consider and provide feedback on the qualitative factors of each proposal. In the event that only one responsive proposal is received, the City Manager, after determination that the sole responsive proposal materially meets the requirements of the RFP, may, without an evaluation committee, recommend to the City Commission that the Administration enter into negotiations. In the evaluation of proposals, Proposers may be requested to make additional written submissions of a clarifying nature or oral presentations to the Evaluation Committee. Failure to provide the requested information within the time prescribed may result in the disqualification of proposal.

2. QUALITATIVE FACTORS (QUALIFICATIONS, SCOPE AND APPROACH). The Evaluation Committee shall not consider quantitative factors (e.g., cost, veteran's preference, prior volume of work received) in its review of proposals. The Evaluation Committee shall act solely in an advisory capacity to the City Manager. The results of the Evaluation Committee process do not constitute an award recommendation. The City Manager may utilize, but is not bound by, the results of the Evaluation Committee process, as well as consider any feedback or information provided by staff, consultants or any other third-party in developing an award recommendation in accordance with Sub-section 3 below. In its review of proposals received, the Evaluation Committee may review and score all proposals, with or without conducting interview sessions, in accordance with the following criteria.

Qualitative Criteria	Maximum Points
Experience and Qualifications	50
Proposed Concept	25
Approach & Methodology	25
TOTAL AVAILABLE POINTS	100

3. QUANTITATIVE FACTORS (COST, VETERAN'S PREFERENCE AND PRIOR VOLUME OF WORK). Quantitative factors shall not be considered by the Evaluation Committee. Quantitative factors will be considered by the City Manager in preparing his recommendation to the City Commission. In considering quantitative factors, the City Manager may also consider any feedback or information provided by staff, consultants or any other third-party in developing an award recommendation in accordance with Sub-section 4 below.

4. DETERMINATION OF AWARD. The City Manager shall consider qualitative and quantitative factors, in accordance with Sub-section 2 and 3 above, to recommend the proposer(s) he deems to be in the best interest of the City, or may recommend rejection of all proposals. The City Manager's recommendation need not be consistent with the scoring results of the Evaluation Committee process, if applicable, and shall take into consideration Miami Beach City Code Section 2-369, including the following considerations:

- (1) The ability, capacity and skill of the Proposer to perform the contract.
- (2) Whether the Proposer can perform the contract within the time specified, without delay or interference.
- (3) The character, integrity, reputation, judgment, experience and efficiency of the Proposer.
- (4) The quality of performance of previous contracts.
- (5) The previous and existing compliance by the Proposer with laws and ordinances relating to the contract.

The City Commission shall consider the City Manager's recommendation and may approve such recommendation. The City Commission may also, at its option, reject the City Manager's recommendation and select another Proposer(s) which it deems to be in the best interest of the City, or it may also reject all Proposals.

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5. NEGOTIATIONS. Following selection, the City reserves the right to enter into further negotiations with the selected Proposer(s). Notwithstanding the preceding, the City is in no way obligated to enter into a contract with the selected Proposer in the event the parties are unable to negotiate a contract. It is also understood and acknowledged by Proposers that no property, contract or legal rights of any kind shall be created at any time until and unless an Agreement has been agreed to; approved by the City; and executed by the parties.

5. Determination of Final Ranking. At the conclusion of the Evaluation Committee Step 1 scoring, Step 2 Points will be added to each evaluation committee member's scores by the Department of Procurement Management. Step 1 and 2 scores will be converted to rankings in accordance with the example below:

		Proposer A	Proposer B	Proposer C
Committee Member 1	Step 1 Points	82	76	80
	Step 2 Points	5	0	0
	Total	87	76	80
	Rank	1	3	2
Committee Member 2	Step 1 Points	79	85	72
	Step 2 Points	5	0	0
	Total	84	85	72
	Rank	1	2	3
Committee Member 2	Step 1 Points	80	74	66
	Step 2 Points	5	0	0
	Total	85	74	66
	Rank	1	2	3
Low Aggregate Score		3	7	8
Final Ranking*		1	2	3

* Final Ranking is presented to the City Manager for further due diligence and recommendation to the City Commission. Final Ranking does not constitute an award recommendation until such time as the City Manager has made his recommendation to the City Commission, which may be different than final ranking results.

APPENDIX A

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Proposal Certification, Questionnaire & Requirements Affidavit

2019-138-KB
FOR EQUIPMENT, TECHNOLOGY,
OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF
A HYDROPONIC FARM

PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT
1755 Meridian Avenue, 3rd Floor
Miami Beach, Florida 33139

Solicitation No: 2019-138-KB	Solicitation Title: Hydroponic Farming Partnership	
Procurement Contact: Kristy Bada	Tel: 305-673-7490	Email: kristybada@miamibeachfl.gov

PROPOSAL CERTIFICATION, QUESTIONNAIRE & REQUIREMENTS AFFIDAVIT

Purpose: The purpose of this Proposal Certification, Questionnaire and Requirements Affidavit Form is to inform prospective Proposers of certain solicitation and contractual requirements, and to collect necessary information from Proposers in order that certain portions of responsiveness, responsibility and other determining factors and compliance with requirements may be evaluated. **This Proposal Certification, Questionnaire and Requirements Affidavit Form is a REQUIRED FORM that must be submitted fully completed and executed.**

1. General Proposer Information.

FIRM NAME:	
NO. OF YEARS IN BUSINESS:	NO. OF YEARS IN BUSINESS LOCALLY:
OTHER NAME(S) PROPOSER HAS OPERATED UNDER IN THE LAST 10 YEARS:	
FIRM PRIMARY ADDRESS (HEADQUARTERS):	
CITY:	
STATE:	ZIP CODE:
TELEPHONE NO.:	
TOLL FREE NO.:	
FAX NO.:	
FIRM LOCAL ADDRESS:	
CITY:	
STATE:	ZIP CODE:
PRIMARY ACCOUNT REPRESENTATIVE FOR THIS ENGAGEMENT:	
ACCOUNT REP TELEPHONE NO.:	
ACCOUNT REP TOLL FREE NO.:	
ACCOUNT REP EMAIL:	
FEDERAL TAX IDENTIFICATION NO.:	

The City reserves the right to seek additional information from Proposer or other source(s), including but not limited to: any firm or principal information, applicable licensure, resumes of relevant individuals, client information, financial information, or any information the City deems necessary to evaluate the capacity of the Proposer to perform in accordance with contract requirements.

1. **Veteran Owned Business.** Is Proposer claiming a veteran owned business status?
☐ YES ☐ NO

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENT: Proposers claiming veteran owned business status shall submit a documentation proving that firm is certified as a veteran-owned business or a service-disabled veteran owned business by the State of Florida or United States federal government, as required pursuant to ordinance 2011-3748.

2. **Conflict Of Interest.** All Proposers must disclose, in their Proposal, the name(s) of any officer, director, agent, or immediate family member (spouse, parent, sibling, and child) who is also an employee of the City of Miami Beach. Further, all Proposers must disclose the name of any City employee who owns, either directly or indirectly, an interest of ten (10%) percent or more in the Proposer entity or any of its affiliates.

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENT: Proposers must disclose the name(s) of any officer, director, agent, or immediate family member (spouse, parent, sibling, and child) who is also an employee of the City of Miami Beach. Proposers must also disclose the name of any City employee who owns, either directly or indirectly, an interest of ten (10%) percent or more in the Proposer entity or any of its affiliates

3. **References & Past Performance.** Proposer shall submit at least three (3) references for whom the Proposer has completed work similar in size and nature as the work referenced in solicitation.

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENT: For each reference submitted, the following information is required: 1) Firm Name, 2) Contact Individual Name & Title, 3) Address, 4) Telephone, 5) Contact's Email and 6) Narrative on Scope of Services Provided.

4. **Suspension, Debarment or Contract Cancellation.** Has Proposer ever been debarred, suspended or other legal violation, or had a contract cancelled due to non-performance by any public sector agency?
☐ YES ☐ NO

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENT: If answer to above is "YES," Proposer shall submit a statement detailing the reasons that led to action(s).

5. **Vendor Campaign Contributions.** Proposers are expected to be or become familiar with, the City's Campaign Finance Reform laws, as codified in Sections 2-487 through 2-490 of the City Code. Proposers shall be solely responsible for ensuring that all applicable provisions of the City's Campaign Finance Reform laws are complied with, and shall be subject to any and all sanctions, as prescribed therein, including disqualification of their Proposals, in the event of such non-compliance.

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENT: Submit the names of all individuals or entities (including your sub-consultants) with a controlling financial interest as defined in solicitation. For each individual or entity with a controlling financial interest indicate whether or not each individual or entity has contributed to the campaign either directly or indirectly, of a candidate who has been elected to the office of Mayor or City Commissioner for the City of Miami Beach.

6. **Code of Business Ethics.** Pursuant to City Resolution No.2000-23879, each person or entity that seeks to do business with the City shall adopt a Code of Business Ethics ("Code") and submit that Code to the Procurement Department with its proposal/response or within five (5) days upon receipt of request. The Code shall, at a minimum, require the Proposer, to comply with all applicable governmental rules and regulations including, among others, the conflict of interest, lobbying and ethics provision of the City of Miami Beach and Miami Dade County.

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENT: Proposer shall submit firm's Code of Business Ethics. In lieu of submitting Code of Business Ethics, Proposer may submit a statement indicating that it will adopt, as required in the ordinance, the City of Miami Beach Code of Ethics, available at <http://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/procurement/procurement-related-ordinance-and-procedures/>

7. **Living Wage.** Pursuant to Section 2-408 of the City of Miami Beach Code, as same may be amended from time to time, covered employees shall be paid the required living wage rates listed below:

1. Effective January 1, 2018, covered employees must be paid a living wage rate of no less than \$11.62 per hour with health care benefits of at least \$2.26 per hour, or a living wage rate of no less than \$13.88 per hour without health care benefits.
2. Effective January 1, 2019, covered employees must be paid a living wage rate of no less than \$11.70 per hour with health care benefits of at least \$2.74 per hour, or a living wage rate of no less than \$14.44 per hour without health care benefits.
3. Effective January 1, 2020, covered employees must be paid a living wage rate of no less than \$11.78 per hour with health care benefits of at least \$3.22 per hour, or a living wage rate of no less than \$15.00 per hour without health care benefits.

The living wage rate and health care benefits rate may, by Resolution of the City Commission be indexed annually for inflation using the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) Miami/Ft. Lauderdale, issued by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. Notwithstanding the preceding, no annual index shall exceed three percent (3%). The City may also, by resolution, elect not to index the living wage rate in any particular year, if it determines it would not be fiscally sound to implement same (in a particular year).

Proposers' failure to comply with this provision shall be deemed a material breach under this proposal, under which the City may, at its sole option, immediately deem said Proposer as non-responsive, and may further subject Proposer to additional penalties and fines, as provided in the City's Living Wage Ordinance, as amended. Further information on the Living Wage requirement is available at <http://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/procurement/procurement-related-ordinance-and-procedures/>

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENT: No additional submittal is required. By virtue of executing this affidavit document, Proposer agrees to the living wage requirement. Any payroll request made by the City during the contract term shall be completed electronically via the City's electronic compliance portal, LCP Tracker (LCPTracker.net).

8. **Equal Benefits for Employees with Spouses and Employees with Domestic Partners.** When awarding competitively solicited contracts valued at over \$100,000 whose contractors maintain 51 or more full time employees on their payrolls during 20 or more calendar work weeks, the Equal Benefits for Domestic Partners Ordinance 2005-3494 requires certain contractors doing business with the City of Miami Beach, who are awarded a contract pursuant to competitive proposals, to provide "Equal Benefits" to their employees with domestic partners, as they provide to employees with spouses. The Ordinance applies to all employees of a Contractor who work within the City limits of the City of Miami Beach, Florida; and the Contractor's employees located in the United States, but outside of the City of Miami Beach limits, who are directly performing work on the contract within the City of Miami Beach.

- A. Does your company provide or offer access to any benefits to employees with spouses or to spouses of employees?
☐ YES ☐ NO
- B. Does your company provide or offer access to any benefits to employees with (same or opposite sex) domestic partners* or to domestic partners of employees?
☐ YES ☐ NO
- C. Please check all benefits that apply to your answers above and list in the "other" section any additional benefits not already specified. Note: some benefits are provided to employees because they have a spouse or domestic partner, such as bereavement leave; other benefits are provided directly to the spouse or domestic partner, such as medical insurance.

BENEFIT	Firm Provides for Employees with Spouses	Firm Provides for Employees with Domestic Partners	Firm does not Provide Benefit
Health			
Sick Leave			
Family Medical Leave			
Bereavement Leave			

If Proposer cannot offer a benefit to domestic partners because of reasons outside your control, (e.g., there are no insurance providers in your area willing to offer domestic partner coverage) you may be eligible for Reasonable Measures compliance. To comply on this basis, you must agree to pay a cash equivalent and submit a completed Reasonable Measures Application (attached) with all necessary documentation. Your Reasonable Measures Application will be reviewed for consideration by the City Manager, or his designee. Approval is not guaranteed and the City Manager's decision is final. Further information on the Equal Benefits requirement is available at <http://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/procurement/procurement-related-ordinance-and-procedures/>

9. **Public Entity Crimes.** Section 287.133(2)(a), Florida Statutes, as currently enacted or as amended from time to time, states that a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a proposal, proposal, or reply on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a proposal, proposal, or reply on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit proposals, proposals, or replies on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in s. 287.017 for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months following the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENT: No additional submittal is required. By virtue of executing this affidavit document, Proposer agrees with the requirements of Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, and certifies it has not been placed on convicted vendor list.

10. **Non-Discrimination.** Pursuant to City Ordinance No.2016-3990, the City shall not enter into a contract with a business unless the business represents that it does not and will not engage in a boycott as defined in Section 2-375(a) of the City Code, including the blacklisting, divesting from, or otherwise refusing to deal with a person or entity when such action is based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, intersexuality, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital or familial status, age or disability.

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENT: No additional submittal is required. By virtue of executing this affidavit document, Proposer agrees it is and shall remain in full compliance with Section 2-375 of the City of Miami Beach City Code.

11. **Moratorium on Travel to and the Purchase of Goods or Services from North Carolina and Mississippi.** Pursuant to Resolution 2016-29375, the City of Miami Beach, Florida, prohibits official City travel to the states of North Carolina and Mississippi, as well as the purchase of goods or services sourced in North Carolina and Mississippi. Proposer shall agree that no travel shall occur on behalf of the City to North Carolina or Mississippi, nor shall any product or services it provides to the City be sourced from these states.

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENT: No additional submittal is required. By virtue of executing this affidavit document, Proposer agrees it is and shall remain in full compliance with Resolution 2016-29375.

12. **Fair Chance Requirement.** Pursuant to Section 2-376 of the City Code, the City shall not enter into any contract resulting from a competitive solicitation, unless the proposer certifies in writing that the business has adopted and employs written policies, practices, and standards that are consistent with the City's Fair Chance Ordinance, set forth in Article V of Chapter 62 of the City Code ("Fair Chance Ordinance"), and which, among other things, (i) prohibits City contractors, as an employer, from inquiring about an applicant's criminal history until the applicant is given a conditional offer of employment; (ii) prohibits advertising of employment positions with a statement that an individual with a criminal record may not apply for the position, and (iii) prohibits placing a statement on an employment application that a person with a criminal record may not apply for the position.

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENT: No additional submittal is required at this time. By virtue of executing this affidavit, Proposer certifies that it has adopted policies, practices and standards consistent with the City's Fair Chance Ordinance. Proposer agrees to provide the City with supporting documentation evidencing its compliance upon request. Proposer further agrees that any breach of the representations made herein shall constitute a material breach of contract, and shall entitle the City to the immediate termination for cause of the agreement, in addition to any damages that may be available at law and in equity.

13. **Acknowledgement of Addendum.** After issuance of solicitation, the City may release one or more addendum to the solicitation which may provide additional information to Proposers or alter solicitation requirements. The City will strive to reach every Proposer having received solicitation through the City's e-procurement system, PublicPurchase.com. However, Proposers are solely responsible for assuring they have received any and all addendum issued pursuant to solicitation. This Acknowledgement of Addendum section certifies that the Proposer has received all addendum released by the City pursuant to this solicitation. Failure to obtain and acknowledge receipt of all addenda may result in proposal disqualification.

Initial to Confirm Receipt		Initial to Confirm Receipt		Initial to Confirm Receipt	
	Addendum 1		Addendum 6		Addendum 11
	Addendum 2		Addendum 7		Addendum 12
	Addendum 3		Addendum 8		Addendum 13
	Addendum 4		Addendum 9		Addendum 14
	Addendum 5		Addendum 10		Addendum 15

If additional confirmation of addendum is required, submit under separate cover.

DISCLOSURE AND DISCLAIMER SECTION

The solicitation referenced herein is being furnished to the recipient by the City of Miami Beach (the "City") for the recipient's convenience. Any action taken by the City in response to Proposals made pursuant to this solicitation, or in making any award, or in failing or refusing to make any award pursuant to such Proposals, or in cancelling awards, or in withdrawing or cancelling this solicitation, either before or after issuance of an award, shall be without any liability or obligation on the part of the City.

In its sole discretion, the City may withdraw the solicitation either before or after receiving proposals, may accept or reject proposals, and may accept proposals which deviate from the solicitation, as it deems appropriate and in its best interest. In its sole discretion, the City may determine the qualifications and acceptability of any party or parties submitting Proposals in response to this solicitation.

Following submission of a Bid or Proposal, the applicant agrees to deliver such further details, information and assurances, including financial and disclosure data, relating to the Proposal and the applicant including, without limitation, the applicant's affiliates, officers, directors, shareholders, partners and employees, as requested by the City in its discretion.

The information contained herein is provided solely for the convenience of prospective Proposers. It is the responsibility of the recipient to assure itself that information contained herein is accurate and complete. The City does not provide any assurances as to the accuracy of any information in this solicitation.

Any reliance on these contents, or on any permitted communications with City officials, shall be at the recipient's own risk. Proposers should rely exclusively on their own investigations, interpretations, and analyses. The solicitation is being provided by the City without any warranty or representation, express or implied, as to its content, its accuracy, or its completeness. No warranty or representation is made by the City or its agents that any Proposal conforming to these requirements will be selected for consideration, negotiation, or approval.

The City shall have no obligation or liability with respect to this solicitation, the selection and the award process, or whether any award will be made. Any recipient of this solicitation who responds hereto fully acknowledges all the provisions of this Disclosure and Disclaimer, is totally relying on this Disclosure and Disclaimer, and agrees to be bound by the terms hereof. Any Proposals submitted to the City pursuant to this solicitation are submitted at the sole risk and responsibility of the party submitting such Proposal.

This solicitation is made subject to correction of errors, omissions, or withdrawal from the market without notice. Information is for guidance only, and does not constitute all or any part of an agreement.

The City and all Proposers will be bound only as, if and when a Proposal (or Proposals), as same may be modified, and the applicable definitive agreements pertaining thereto, are approved and executed by the parties, and then only pursuant to the terms of the definitive agreements executed among the parties. Any response to this solicitation may be accepted or rejected by the City for any reason, or for no reason, without any resultant liability to the City.

The City is governed by the Government-in-the-Sunshine Law, and all Proposals and supporting documents shall be subject to disclosure as required by such law. All Proposals shall be submitted in sealed proposal form and shall remain confidential to the extent permitted by Florida Statutes, until the date and time selected for opening the responses. At that time, all documents received by the City shall become public records.

Proposers are expected to make all disclosures and declarations as requested in this solicitation. By submission of a Proposal, the Proposer acknowledges and agrees that the City has the right to make any inquiry or investigation it deems appropriate to substantiate or supplement information contained in the Proposal, and authorizes the release to the City of any and all information sought in such inquiry or investigation. Each Proposer certifies that the information contained in the Proposal is true, accurate and complete, to the best of its knowledge, information, and belief.

Notwithstanding the foregoing or anything contained in the solicitation, all Proposers agree that in the event of a final unappealable judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction which imposes on the City any liability arising out of this solicitation, or any response thereto, or any action or inaction by the City with respect thereto, such liability shall be limited to \$10,000.00 as agreed-upon and liquidated damages. The previous sentence, however, shall not be construed to circumvent any of the other provisions of this Disclosure and Disclaimer which imposes no liability on the City.

In the event of any differences in language between this Disclosure and Disclaimer and the balance of the solicitation, it is understood that the provisions of this Disclosure and Disclaimer shall always govern. The solicitation and any disputes arising from the solicitation shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.

PROPOSER CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that: I, as an authorized agent of the Proposer, am submitting the following information as my firm's proposal; Proposer agrees to complete and unconditional acceptance of the terms and conditions of this document, inclusive of this solicitation, all attachments, exhibits and appendices and the contents of any Addenda released hereto, and the Disclosure and Disclaimer Statement; proposer agrees to be bound to any and all specifications, terms and conditions contained in the solicitation, and any released Addenda and understand that the following are requirements of this solicitation and failure to comply will result in disqualification of proposal submitted; Proposer has not divulged, discussed, or compared the proposal with other Proposals and has not colluded with any other proposer or party to any other proposal; proposer acknowledges that all information contained herein is part of the public domain as defined by the State of Florida Sunshine and Public Records Laws; all responses, data and information contained in this proposal, inclusive of the Statement of Qualifications Certification, Questionnaire and Requirements Affidavit are true and accurate.

Name of Proposer's Authorized Representative:	Title of Proposer's Authorized Representative:
Signature of Proposer's Authorized Representative:	Date:

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APPENDIX B

MIAMI BEACH

"No Bid" Form

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FOR EQUIPMENT, TECHNOLOGY,
OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF
A HYDROPONIC FARM

PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT
1755 Meridian Avenue, 3rd Floor
Miami Beach, Florida 33139

Note: It is important for those vendors who have received notification of this solicitation but have decided not to respond, to complete and submit the attached "Statement of No Bid." The "Statement of No Bid" provides the City with information on how to improve the solicitation process. Failure to submit a "Statement of No Bid" may result in not being notified of future solicitations by the City.

Statement of No Bid

WE HAVE ELECTED NOT TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL AT THIS TIME FOR
REASON(S) CHECKED AND/OR INDICATED BELOW:

☐ Workload does not allow us to proposal

☐ Insufficient time to respond

☐ Specifications unclear or too restrictive

☐ Unable to meet specifications

☐ Unable to meet service requirements

☐ Unable to meet insurance requirements

☐ Do not offer this product/service

☐ OTHER. (Please specify)

We do ☐ do not ☐ want to be retained on your mailing list for future proposals
of this type product and/or service.

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Legal Company Name: _____

Note: Failure to respond, either by submitting a proposal or this completed form,
may result in your company being removed from our vendors list.

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CITY OF MIAMI BEACH

DEPT. OF PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT

ATTN: XXXXXXXXXXXX

PROPOSAL #20XX-XXX-XX

1755 Meridian Avenue

MIAMI BEACH, FL 33139