

# Memorandum



**Date:** April 30, 2021

**To:** Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

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Mayor

**Subject:** Legistar No. 210761: Award of Miscellaneous Construction Contract (MCC) RFQ  
No. MCC-9-18 for the Purchase of a General Contractor for the Miami-Dade  
Aviation Department

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I write to request the withdrawal of agenda item 8(F)(6) on the May 4, 2021 Board agenda. After further review and analysis of the projects associated with the contract referenced above, it has become apparent that it is in the best interest of the County to bring these projects in house. Bringing the project in-house to directly manage the work within the Miami-Dade Aviation Department (MDAD) could result in annual savings of up to \$5 million to the County, representing a portion of the 8% management fee previously paid to the vendor. These can be important savings as we head into an unprecedented budget season ahead.

This recommendation is also made with the goal of better supporting our small business community. Managing the project in-house will streamline and simplify what has historically been a challenging procurement process for the pool of small business subcontractors who handle these construction contracts. Furthermore, bringing the work within MDAD will enable the County to work directly with our small businesses, allowing businesses to participate more fully in the procurement process and creating additional opportunities for small firms to do business with Miami International Airport (MIA).

MDAD will manage these projects through the County's Miscellaneous Construction Contract (MCC) Program, which consists of two plans, the 7040 Plan and the 7360 Plan. As you know, the 7040 Plan is 100% set-aside for certified Small Business Enterprise-Construction (SBE-CON) contractors, and the 7360 Plan is open to all contractors and only used if either federal funding is involved or an SBE-CON set-aside cannot be established.

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