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## Why We Did This Review

In accordance with Atlanta City Charter Chapter 6, Section 2.603, our office is authorized to 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.

## Independent Procurement Review Report

FC#	1190058		
Estimated Dollar Amount:			
Type of Procurement:	Request for Proposal		
Contract Description:	Operation and Management of Common Use Facilities and Equipment		
Requesting Department:	Department of Aviation		
All Proponents:	ATL E&F LLC One-ATL Aviation Group, Inc.		
DOP Responsive Proponents:			
Recommended Awardee:	N/A		

## **TABLE OF FINDINGS**

Review Area	Risk/Criteria	Results	Resolved/ Remaining
Evaluation Team	DOP procedures require evaluators to possess the necessary and appropriate experience needed to evaluate the proposals or offerors submitted to the city.	No findings identified	N/A
Solicitation	<ul> <li>Bids shall only be evaluated on requirements and evaluation criteria outlined in the formal solicitation (DOP SOP 4.3.6.         (E)(3). Having selection criteria established in the solicitation can help prevent bid manipulation.</li> <li>Evaluation criteria that are too vague or subjective can allow for manipulation of the scores</li> </ul>	No findings identified	N/A
Advertisement/ Addenda	<ul> <li>Changing the solicitation criteria to favor a particular proponent is a red flag of potential bid rigging (International Anti-Corruption Resource Center).</li> <li>Too many addenda could indicate unclear specifications or unclear scope of work, which could also favor a particular proponent.</li> </ul>	DOP issued five addenda for this project. The criteria were not changed in a way that could favor a proponent. However, the scope changes and questions from potential proponents indicate that the scope of work was partially inaccurate and unclear	No response needed
Submittal	The city code provides that the city shall select no less than three submittals solicited from an RFP that it deems as the most responsible and responsive; provided, however, that if three or fewer offerors respond, the requirement shall not apply (City Code Sec. 2-1189).	DOP received two submittals for this solicitation.	No response needed

Responsive Review	<ul> <li>DOP procedures require findings to be recorded on a responsive checklist which identifies specific submittal requirements for the project and identifies a bidder's compliance with those required documents.</li> <li>Unclear or inconsistent responsiveness determinations could be a red flag of bid manipulation.</li> </ul>	DOP received two submittals for this solicitation and found zero (0) proponents as non-responsive:  • Both are non-responsive for Form 2: Contractor Disclosure & Declaration form because all partners including JV are required to complete and,  • Both are non-responsive for Form 3: Contractor Financial Disclosure Form because all partners including JV are required to complete and,  • Both are Non-Responsive for no JV agreement in Appendix A	N/A
Conflict of Interest	The city's standards of conduct prohibit employees from having financial conflicts of interests. Contracts must be awarded and administered free from improper influence or the appearance of impropriety.	N/A	N/A
Evaluation	<ul> <li>DOP procedures require procurement staff to compile the evaluation scores, including those from risk management and contract compliance.</li> <li>Public procurement practice states that any arithmetical errors should be corrected, and scores should be recorded in grids/matrices (NIGP).</li> <li>According to the International Anti-Corruption Resource Center, bids that are too close together (less than 1%) or too far apart (more than 20%) could be indicators of collusive bidding. Not applicable for RFPs.</li> </ul>	N/A	N/A
Cancellation	<ul> <li>The Government Accountability         Office states that the use of         standard language such as "in the         best interest of the city" without         a specific justification for         cancellation could be a fraud         indicator.</li> <li>Transparency International states         that effective record-keeping of         decisions and reasons for         cancellation promotes         accountability and transparency.</li> </ul>	The department canceled the solicitation because DOP found both submittals to be non-responsive	No response needed

Award	A contract file should include all project items, to confirm that each phase of the procurement was facilitated appropriately and auditready (DOP SOP Sec. 3.18)	N/A	N/A