



Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson
Way
Viera, FL 32940

Unfinished Business

I.1.

4/22/2025

Subject:

Request approval to Advertise a Request for Proposal for County Manager Search/Recruiting Consulting Services.

Fiscal Impact:

To be determined after review of submitted proposals.

Dept/Office:

Human Resources

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners (the Board) provide the following approval:

1. Approval to advertise a Request for Proposal for County Manager search/recruitment consulting services pursuant to Board Policy BCC-25, "Procurement;" and
2. Appoint the following members to a Selection and Negotiating Committee: Melissa Powers, Director of Human Resources; Morris Richardson, County Attorney, and County Commissioner or designee to be determined by the Board; and
3. After the Board receives the Committee's recommendations and makes a final selection of a firm, the Selection and Negotiating Committee be directed to negotiate the terms of a professional service contract with the selected firm and bring the negotiated contract back to the Board for consideration.

Summary Explanation and Background:

Pursuant to the Board's direction at the Regular Meeting on April 8, 2025, staff drafted a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Board's review and consideration.

The attached Request for Proposal (RFP) will seek proposals that will be reviewed by the Selection and Negotiating Committee based on a firm's organizational profile, experience, qualifications, methodology and proposed annual professional services fees.

The Selection and Negotiating Committee will return the negotiated contract to the Board for a final decision.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:



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April 23, 2025

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Melissa Powers, Human Resources Director

RE: Item I.1., Request Approval to Advertise a Request for Proposal (RFP) for County Manager Search/Recruiting Consulting Services

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on April 22, 2025, approved advertising a RFP for County Manager search/recruitment consulting services pursuant to Board Policy BCC-25, "Procurement;" appointed Melissa Powers, Director of Human Resources, Morris Richardson, County Attorney, and Chairman Feltner to the Selection and Negotiating Committee; directed the Selection and Negotiation Committee, after final selection of a firm by the Board, to negotiate the terms of a professional service contract with the selected firm and bring the contract back to the Board for consideration; and directed staff to establish a timeline to hire a new County Manager by Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kimberly Powell".

Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

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**OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES
CONSULTANT TO PERFORM EXECUTIVE RECRUITING
RFP-3-25-19**

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Brevard County operates under the constitution and laws of the State of Florida. The Board of County Commissioners is the legislative body for Brevard County, Florida. The Board of County Commissioners establishes policy, and the execution of such policy is the responsibility of the County Manager. Some public services offered by the County to our citizens and visitors include fire protection and rescue, social, health and welfare, recreation and parks, libraries, solid waste, water and wastewater, environmental protection, comprehensive planning, economic development, and airport operations.

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- C. Developing a strategy to accomplish the recruitment, including outreach to qualified candidates who might not otherwise express an interest, whether currently employed or not, to encourage applicants from diverse backgrounds to apply. Recruitment should utilize services provided by, but not limited to, the National Association of Counties (NACO), International City/County

Management Association (ICMA), and any additional appropriate venues identified by the Consultant.

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- E. Provide each county commissioner a complete listing and copies of resumes of all candidates applying for or expressing interest in the County Manager position.
- F. Based upon a majority vote of the County Commission, adding any additional candidates identified by the County Commission to the shortlist for further evaluation and screening, as outlined in Sections 23.G. through 23.J. of this Request for Proposal.
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- A. Upon receipt of the official Notice to Proceed, the Consultant shall coordinate a time to get direction from the Board of County Commissioners ("the Board") and finalize the process to conduct a nationwide search for a candidate for the County Manager position.
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District 1 Proposed Changes to County Manager Consultant RFP		
1	Staff Version:	Commissioner Proposed Changes:
2	Cone of Silence prohibits interactions	Eliminate the cone of silence to allow commissioners to interact with the vendors
3	3-member panel (County Atty, HR, One BOCC Rep)	Make the BOCC the selection committee
4	No emailed copy required (USB)	Require an electronic copy of RFP's to be emailed
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6	Majority vote required to add a candidate	Allow any commissioner to add candidates (without a majority vote)
7	No minimum amount of candidates stated	Anticipate 20 (minimum) top candidates for initial screening interviews
8	No community engagement request specified	Request the firm's prior experience with community engagement
9	No samples requested	Require samples of the firms prior RFP's
10	Provide a bi-weekly update on candidate search process	Provide a weekly update on candidate search process
11	Social media not included in reference checks	Include social media in reference checks
12	Section 2 (F) does not have a clear reference	Clarify Section 2(F) reference or remove
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Proposed Changes to Staff Agenda Narrative:

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It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners (the Board) provide the following approval:

1. ~~Approval to advertise a Request for Proposal for County Manager search/recruitment consulting services pursuant to Board Policy BCC-25, "Procurement;" and~~
2. ~~Appoint the following members to a Selection and Negotiating Committee: Melissa Powers, Director of Human Resources; Morris Richardson, County Attorney; and County Commissioner or designee to be determined by the Board; and All members of the BOCC will constitute the Selection Committee.~~
3. After the Board receives the BOCC's Committee's recommendations and makes a final selection of a firm, the BOCC will direct the county manager Selection and Negotiating Committee be directed to negotiate the terms of a professional service contract with the selected firm and bring the negotiated contract back to the Board for consideration.

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Board Meeting Date

4-22-25

Item Number: I. 1

Motion By: KA

Second By: ~~TOLE~~ TA.

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Commissioner	DISTRICT	AYE	NAY
Commissioner Delaney	1	✓	
Vice Chair Goodson	2	✓	
Commissioner Adkinson	3	✓	
Commissioner Altman	5	✓	
Chairman Feltner	4	✓	