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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 21, 2018

TO: Christine Calhoun, Purchasing Manager
 Purchasing Division

THRU: Sandy- Michael McDonald, Director
 Office of Economic and Small Business Development

FROM: Freddy Castillo, Small Business Development Manager
 Office of Economic and Small Business Development

SMCD Assistant Director

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SUBJECT: No CBE Goal for Library Materials for Public Use

The Libraries Division is seeking a vendor to supply and deliver library materials that will be used by the public. The certification directory indicates that there are no certified County Business Enterprise (CBE) firm in the directory that can meet the requirements of the solicitation; therefore, consistent with the Broward County Business Opportunity Act of 2012, as amended, Sec. 1-81.3 (1) (a), no CBE goal is applicable for this project. According to Sec. 1-81.10 (a) (1) of the Broward County Business Opportunity Act, as amended, if a responsive, responsible bid is received from a certified CBE firm that is within ten percent (10%) of the lowest bid received from a non-CBE firm, the CBE shall be offered the opportunity to match the lowest bid. For Request for Proposals (RFPs), if upon the completion of final rankings, a responsive and responsible CBE is within 5% of the highest ranked non-CBE proposer, the CBE shall be considered the highest-ranked proposer and shall have the opportunity to proceed to negotiations with the County.

This contract is NOT subject to the Broward County Workforce Investment Program.

Eligibility for the CBE program is based on economic/size standards; the program does not utilize race or gender criteria for either certification or goal methodology purposes. The above assigned goal for County Business Enterprises is based on our examination of the scope of work and cost estimate as submitted to the Office of Economic and Small Business Development by the using agency.

If you have any concerns regarding available subcontracting opportunities, please contact our office at (954) 357-6400.

Cc: Nichole Francis, Small Business Development Specialist, OESBD