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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** May 22, 2019

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:** Bertha W. Henry, County Administrator 

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to Act as the Direct Procurement Authority

Pursuant to the Administrative Code, Section 21.10, please allow this memorandum to serve as a written recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners that it serve as the Direct Procurement Authority (collectively with the Fort Lauderdale City Commission) for all solicitations related to the development of a joint Government Center Campus.

I make this recommendation for the following reasons;

- 1) This project is anticipated to have countywide impacts, including substantial impact on the County's and City's character, branding and marketability, infrastructure, and quality of life of County residents and visitors.
- 2) This project will involve extraordinary levels of investment of public funding.
- 3) This project can be delivered in materially different ways, and the choice among them requires the exercise of substantial discretion that may affect countywide policy and County and City operations.
- 4) The likelihood that the Board (collectively with the City Commission) will need to inquire into policy choices indicates that standard procurement procedures may be duplicative.
- 5) It is appropriate for the Board (collectively with the City Commission) to serve as the direct procurement authority.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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