

February 20, 2025

The meeting of the Evaluation Committee (“Committee”) for RFP # TS-25-01 “Network Gear Infrastructure AV Campus” was called to order by Byron Granda-Paez, Assistant Purchasing Manager, at 3:13 PM, on Thursday, February 20, 2025, in the Conference Room in the Public Services Building, 8300 South Palm Drive, Pembroke Pines, Florida, 33025.

Present to wit: Evaluation Committee: Members Ryan Depante, Matthew Kefford, Amanda Menezes, Giselle Rodriguez and Nalini Sohit-Vazquez. Also present: Byron Granda-Paez, Assistant Purchasing Manager, David Gamez, Procurement Specialist; Assistant City Attorney Paul Hernandez; and Board Secretary Katherine Borgstrom.

Byron Granda-Paez, Assistant Purchasing Manager, presented the purpose of the meeting, which is for the Committee to publicly review and rank proposals. The Committee will be asked to consider each vendor according to the criteria provided in their package and score the proposals according to the point allotment afforded to each criteria. The Committee will finalize their scores. The Secretary will tally each evaluator’s score card and rank the vendors according to the total scores. The rankings will be read aloud and the Evaluation Committee will then be asked to recommend to the City Commission a vendor for award of contract.

A motion by Member Kefford, seconded by Member Depante, to nominate Member Giselle Rodriguez to serve as Chairman, passed unanimously.

Chairman Rodriguez called for discussion. The discussion pertained to vendor, PC Solutions, submitting an alternative from Juniper equipment, which cannot be used with current wireless controller at the Academic Village. Also, some vendors did not submit their E-Rate Certification Form, which included a space for the vendor to submit their Service Provider Invoice Number (SPIN), or submitted an incomplete form. The SPI number is necessary for E-rate reimbursement. However, it was discussed that the bid package did not require the E-Rate Certification Form at the time of the bid, as the form was set up as a non-mandatory form in the bid package and that the vendor would need the certification if awarded the bid.

A motion by Member Kefford, seconded by Member Depante, to remove PC Solutions from consideration because their bid equipment is not compatible with the City's current equipment and thereby is not a true equivalent passed unanimously.

The Committee began scoring at 3:30 PM.

The Secretary entered the scoring and finalized the ranking. Secretary read the results of the scoring as:

<b>Company</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Rank</b>
Verity Partners Inc	51.66	<b>1</b>
Howard Technology Solutions	50.02	<b>2</b>
Emerging Technology Integrators	49.18	<b>3</b>

DOF CREATIONS, LLC	48.3	<b>4</b>
Gerelcom Inc.	46.6	<b>5</b>
Miami Business Telephone Corp	44.16	<b>6</b>
Questivity	42.5	<b>7</b>
Pawol Tafya, LLC	34.98	<b>8</b>
Axelliant LLC	32.5	<b>9</b>

A motion by Member Menezes, seconded by Member Kefford to recommend that the City Commission award RFP # TS-25-01 “Network Gear Infrastructure AV Campus” to Verity Partners Inc. passed unanimously.

A motion by Member Kefford, seconded by Member Menezes, to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 PM passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Board Secretary