



The City of Coral Gables

Procurement Division

2800 S.W. 72ND AVENUE
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33155

August 28, 2026

All Responding Proposers (See Distribution List)

SUBJECT: RFP 2026-013 External Auditing Services

Dear Proposers:

The evaluation of the proposals submitted in response to the above cited solicitation is complete. The City Manager has recommended an award as shown in the attached document.

This notice is provided in accordance with Section 2-910 (c) of the Code of the City of Coral Gables. Our provision of this notice also serves to confirm the lifting of the Cone of Silence from this procurement action as dictated by Section 2-1027 (4)(b) of the same City Code.

Thank you for your participation in this competition. If you have any questions please contact Neivy Garcia, Procurement Specialist at 305-460-5121 or ngarcia2@coralgables.com.

Sincerely,

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D. Donigan
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Tanya D. Donigan
Assistant Chief Procurement Officer

Attachment: Award Recommendation

Distribution List of Proposers:

CBIZ CPAs P.C.

Cherry Bekaert LLP

Citrin Cooperman & Company LLP

Eide Bailly LLP

Garcia, Espinosa, Miyares, Rodriguez, Trueba & Co., LLP

RSM US LLP

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

-MEMORANDUM-

TO: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Commission

Date: August 21, 2026

FROM: Peter J. Iglesias, P.E.
City Manager Peter J.
Iglesias

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SUBJECT: Award Recommendation
RFP 2026-013 External Auditing Services

At the next available City Commission Meeting an award recommendation for RFP 2026-013 External Auditing Services will be included on the agenda. This memorandum serves to notify you that in accordance with Section 2-763 of the City Code entitled "Contract Award", my recommendation to the City Commission for award of the subject RFP is as follows:

- 1) Accept the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award the RFP and authorize negotiations with CBIZ CPAs P.C., the highest ranked responsive and responsible proposer.
- 2) Should negotiations fail with the top-ranked proposer, negotiations may commence with the next two (2) highest ranked responsive-responsible proposers, Citrin Cooperman & Company, LLP and RSM US LLP, if determined to be in the best interest of the city, until a satisfactory agreement and contract amount that is fair, competitive, and reasonable is reached.
- 3) Reaffirm the City's right to pursue alternative courses of action.

On June 1, 2026, the Procurement Division of Finance formally advertised, issued, and distributed External Auditing Services, Request for Proposals (RFP) 2026-013. One hundred and forty-four (144) prospective proposers were notified of the RFP package from INFOR, the City's web-based e-procurement system.

On July 10, 2026, six (6) firms responded in response to the RFP: CBIZ CPAs P.C., Cherry Bekaert LLP, Citrin Cooperman & Company LLP, Eide Bailly LLP, Garcia, Espinosa, Miyares, Rodriguez, Trueba & Co., LLP, and RSM US LLP.

The responses were reviewed by the Procurement Division in order to determine responsiveness to the requirements of the RFP. During the responsiveness review, it was determined by Procurement, after consulting with the City Attorney's Office that Eide Bailly LLP, was deemed non-responsive based on their failure to demonstrate the Section 3 - State of Florida projects qualification requirement. The Procurement Division finalized its' due diligence process and confirmed that CBIZ CPAs P.C., Cherry Bekaert LLP, Citrin Cooperman & Company LLP, Garcia, Espinosa, Miyares, Rodriguez, Trueba & Co., LLP, and RSM US LLP were all deemed to be responsive to the requirements of the RFP and responsible proposers.

On August 14, 2026, the Evaluation Committee convened to evaluate the five (5) responsive and responsible proposals and ranked the firms in the following order of preference: CBIZ CPAs P.C. (first ranked), Citrin Cooperman & Company LLP (second ranked), RSM US LLP (third ranked), Cherry Bekaert LLP (fourth ranked), and Garcia, Espinosa, Miyares, Rodriguez, Trueba & Co.,

LLP (fifth ranked). The Evaluation Committee determined that CBIZ CPAs P.C., was the highest ranked responsive-responsible proposer to provide the requested services.

The Evaluation Committee further recommended that should negotiations fail with CBIZ CPAs P.C., negotiations could be conducted with the next two (2) ranked firms, Citrin Cooperman & Company LLP and RSM US LLP.

After successful negotiations, a Professional Services Agreement will be executed. A more detailed description of the RFP, proposal response and evaluation results will be provided to you as part of the agenda package.

Please contact me should you have any questions.

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Cristina M. Suárez, City Attorney

Billy Y. Urquia, City Clerk

Diana M. Gomez, Finance Director

Celeste S. Walker-Harmon, Chief Procurement Officer



Totals Composite Report

RFP 2026-013 External Auditing Services

Meeting Date: 8/14/2026

Criteria	Max Points per Evaluator	Total Max Points	CBIZ CPAs P.C.	Cherry Bekaert LLP	Citrin Cooperman & Company LLP	Garcia, Espinosa, Miyares, Rodriguez, Trueba & Co., LLP	RSM US LLP
Experience and Qualifications		175	158.5	156	163.5	135	163.5
Proposer's qualifications including, but not limited to, company history and description, number of years in business, size, number of employees, office location where work is to be performed, licenses/certifications, credentials, capabilities and capacity to meet the City's needs.	15	75	69	68	71	59	73.5
Proposer's relevant knowledge and experience including, but not limited to, providing the services described in the "Scope of Services" to public sector agencies similar in size to the	10	50	47	46	47.5	38	48.5

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City of Coral Gables. Proposer's qualifications in conducting audits in accordance with governmental auditing standards adopted by the Florida Board of Accountancy.							
Qualifications and experience of all proposed key personnel.	10	50	42.5	42	45	38	41.5
Proposed Approach and Methodology		125	104	99	105	90.5	103
Proposer's overall detailed understanding, approach and methodology to perform the services solicited herein. Understanding of the RFP scope and requirements, implementation plan, strategies for assuring assigned work is completed on time, communication with City staff, and Proposer's intent to work with the City positively and innovatively in providing the services outlined in this RFP.	15	75	68	68	69.5	60.5	71

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Recent, current, and projected workload for the Proposer and key personnel and how the potential contract will fit into the Proposer's workload.	10	50	36	31	35.5	30	32
Performance and References		100	83	77	92	78	82.5
Proposer's three (3) references preferably at the municipal/local government level, similar in size to the City of Coral Gables, for which Proposer has provided the services described in the RFP AND all contracts for which the Proposer has performed (past and present) as a PRIME for the City of Coral Gables.	10	50	43	44	45.5	36	47
List with contact information of all public sector clients in the last ten (10) years, and include if any, have discontinued use of Proposer's services within the past two (2) years and the reasons for the same. Additionally, provide any documentation related to	5	25	15	14.5	23	17	16

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performance issues of the current or past contracts to include any non-performance reports or notices to cure.							
Incidents within the last five (5) years where (a) a civil, criminal, administrative, other similar proceeding was filed or is pending, if such proceeding arises from or is a dispute concerning the Proposer's rights, remedies or duties under a contract for the same or similar type services to be provided under this RFP.	5	25	25	18.5	23.5	25	19.5
Agreement Exceptions		25	25	14	25	25	13
Exceptions made by the proposer to the conditions listed in the agreement for the services.	5	25	25	14	25	25	13
Price Proposal		75	75	61	59.5	67	69.5
Proposed pricing as submitted in INFOR.	15	75	75	61	59.5	67	69.5
Total Points		500	445.5	407	445	395.5	431.5
Ranking			1	4	2	5	3