



# MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #III.F

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DATE: FEBRUARY 4, 2013

TO: COUNCIL MEETING

FROM: STAFF

SUBJECT: ADAPTATION ACTION AREAS GRANT AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT  
WITH THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE AND BROWARD COUNTY

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The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information on a forthcoming contract the South Florida Regional Planning Council will be entering into as the “subcontractor” with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) in the amount of \$194,000.00. Once the Council is in receipt of and has executed the DEO contract, staff anticipates executing two Professional Services Agreements, with Broward County and the City of Fort Lauderdale. *Please note that services or commodities provided by governmental agencies are exempt from the mandatory competitive procurement requirements under §287.057(1)(f)12, Fla. Stat.*

DEO has been awarded a federal assistance grant from the Florida Coastal Management Program (FCMP), administered by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in the amount of \$200,000.00 for an 18-month period to implement “Adaptation Action Area” Policies in Florida. The grant is related to the 2011 Florida Legislature’s *Community Planning Act* (CPA), which made significant changes to the state’s growth management laws, including the addition of optional adaptation planning, to be known as an “Adaptation Action Area” within a comprehensive plan to address coastal hazards, potential impacts of sea level rise, and prioritize funding for infrastructure and adaptation planning.

NOAA approved a five-year FCMP Section 309 Strategy, including an initiative by DEO titled “Community Resiliency: Planning for Sea Level Rise” to examine the statewide planning framework and determine how best to integrate sea level rise adaptation into the existing planning process. The 309 Strategy will involve developing adaptation plans for two pilot communities, otherwise known as a Project of Special Merit. DEO identified the City of Fort Lauderdale, in cooperation with Broward County, to serve as a pilot community to test the adaptation options because of their involvement with the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Compact (SFRCC), a partnership between Broward, Palm Beach, Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. Since the South Florida Regional Partnership, within the SFRPC, has been involved in the SFRCC, DEO asked the Council to be the “subcontractor”, responsible for ensuring deliverables are submitted in a timely fashion to DEO and have the flexibility to further subcontract specific tasks to the City of Fort Lauderdale and Broward County.

Of the \$200,000.00 grant awarded to DEO, the SFRPC will enter into contractual services not to exceed \$194,000.00. The Council intends to subcontract services in the amounts of \$50,000.00 to the City of Fort Lauderdale and \$25,000.00 to Broward County. Copies of the most current drafts of these contracts will be available at the Council Meeting.

In summary, the following lists the tasks to be completed over the 18-month contract:

1. The SFRPC will produce a final report with a bibliography that includes policy options a community could employ through the adoption of an “Adaptation Action Area” based on examples from other coastal communities and a thorough literature review on adaptation policies.
2. The SFRPC will monitor and work closely with the City of Fort Lauderdale and Broward County to identify and designate an Adaptation Action Area and select the appropriate policy options as identified in Task 1 to form final policy language that will be submitted as a proposed amendment to the local comprehensive plan.
3. All parties will incorporate the research in Task 1 and examples and lessons learned from the process of Task 2 to develop outreach materials, such as a guidebook with a case study, podcast and short video on what an “Adaptation Action Area” is and how it can be applied to other Florida coastal communities.

#### Recommendation

Authorize the Executive Director to enter into Professional Service Agreements with the City of Fort Lauderdale and Broward County once the official “Adaptation Action Area” contract between the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and the SFRPC has been executed.