



# City of Miami

## INTENT TO ADVERTISE A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

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### **I-395 BAYWALK PEDESTRIAN AND BIKEWAY BRIDGE**

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The City of Miami (City) in partnership with the Miami Downtown Development Authority (DDA), intends to seek Proposals from qualified design professionals to provide a full range of design services including, but not limited to, architecture, landscape architecture, civil, structural, environmental, and marine engineering, resilience and urban design services to address the needs of this project as described below.

Along Biscayne Bay in Downtown Miami, after 40 years of incremental development, the 5-mile shared use, waterfront path along known as the Baywalk is almost 90% complete. Currently the largest publicly-owned barrier preventing the Baywalk from being fully complete runs from Maurice A. Ferré Park in the south, under the MacArthur Causeway Bridge to the former Herald Plaza site in the north. This 500-foot section forces pedestrians and bicyclists to circumnavigate the site to the west by passing through the heavily trafficked US-1/I-395 interchange and find their way back to waterfront near the Venetian Causeway. This effectively closes off the Baywalk. Until the Baywalk is fully complete, it will not realize its full potential as the spine of Downtown Miami, the open space amenity that connects three distinct neighborhoods, and the conduit that allows waterfront access to all residents/visitors, not just those that afford to live on the water. Further, South Florida is faced with the very real threats of climate change: sea level rise (SLR), storm surge, sunny-day flooding and displacement. Thus, this project needs to equally address economy, ecology, and equity.

The site is located underneath the I-395 MacArthur Causeway, between Maurice A. Ferré Park (1103 Biscayne Blvd. Miami, FL 33131) in the south, to the former Herald Plaza site (1 Herald Plaza, Miami, FL 33131) in the north. The consultant team will be tasked with designing an approximately 20-foot wide, over-the-water pedestrian and bicycle (ped/bike) bridge underneath the causeway that will connect the two sites. The approximate run length is 500 feet. Prior to permitting, the proposed design will need to be approved by the City of Miami, the Miami DDA and FDOT. During permitting, approvals will be needed from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), and the Miami-Dade County Division of Environmental Resources Management (DERM).

Interested consultants may submit their questions to the City of Miami Department of Procurement by contacting Mr. Fernando V. Ponassi, MA Arch., MA PPA, LEED®AP, Assistant Director, A&E and Construction Services, via email at [FPonassi@miamigov.com](mailto:FPonassi@miamigov.com).

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