



Memorandum



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To: The Honorable Daniella Levine Cava, Mayor, Miami-Dade County
The Honorable Chairman Jose “Pepe” Diaz, Chair
and Members, Board of County Commissioners, Miami-Dade County

From: Felix Jimenez, Inspector General 

Date: February 28, 2022

Subject: Board of County Commissioners Meeting of March 1, 2022, Agenda Item 8A1
Mayor’s Recommendation to Reject the Unsolicited Proposal and Enter into Direct Negotiations with CCR USA Management, Inc. and AIRIS USA, LLC for A Master Development Lease Agreement for the Construction of a Patented Vertical Cargo Solution at Miami International Airport; Ref. IG22-0001-O

On January 14, 2022, you received a memorandum from this office¹ expressing our concerns with the failure of the County Administration to adhere to the policies and timelines you have established in the Code of Miami-Dade County for consideration of unsolicited proposals. The OIG is in the process of reviewing the events that transpired during the 450-plus days from October 7, 2020, when the unsolicited proposal for the development of the Vertically Integrated Cargo Community facility was submitted, until this recommendation was first published in January 2022. To date, the staff of MDAD has provided only an initial portion of the information requested.

At this time, there is no indication the private entity who submitted this proposal is responsible for the lack of adherence to schedules or actions specified in the Code. Indeed, due to the County’s delays, the statutory public records exemption period expired and exposed the unsolicited proposal to review by third parties—before any recommendation on this proposal was ever considered by the Board. The OIG takes no exception to the Board acting upon the recommendation before you. If approved, we will be monitoring negotiations. Our review is intended to provide the Board with information to revise and strengthen the relevant sections of the Code to ensure future adherence to your policies.

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¹ <https://www.miamidadeig.org/resources-oig/pdf/2022-reports/2022-01-14-memo-to-bcc-re-unsolicited-proposal-vertical-integrated-cargo.pdf>