



LETTER TO THE COMMISSION

LTC No: 26-147

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission
FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*
DATE: May 15, 2026
SUBJECT: **Update on the Unsolicited Proposal from IKE Smart City**

The purpose of this Letter to the Commission (LTC) is to provide the City Commission with an update on the unsolicited proposal submitted to the City of Fort Lauderdale by IKE Smart City ("IKE") for the design, installation, financing, operation, and maintenance of a Citywide Interactive Digital Kiosk Program.

On December 26, 2025, the City of Fort Lauderdale received an unsolicited proposal pursuant to Section 255.065, Florida Statutes, from IKE Smart City for the deployment of a citywide network of interactive digital kiosks within the public right-of-way.

The unsolicited proposal includes a turnkey public-private partnership model in which IKE would design, fabricate, install, operate, and maintain a network of interactive digital kiosks at no upfront cost to the City. The kiosks are intended to provide interactive wayfinding, local business directories, transit information, public art opportunities, public service announcements, emergency communication features, and access to City services.

The proposal contemplates an initial deployment of a minimum of thirty (30) kiosks along key commercial corridors and activity centers including, but not limited to, Fort Lauderdale Beach Boulevard, Las Olas Boulevard, Andrews Avenue, and Broward Boulevard, with final locations to be determined in coordination with the City and applicable stakeholders. The unsolicited proposal further provides that IKE would bear all costs associated with the design, fabrication, installation, operation, maintenance, software, advertising sales, and ongoing management of the kiosk network.

On April 7, 2026, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 26-62 providing notice of intent to enter into a comprehensive agreement for the qualifying project, accepting the unsolicited proposal submitted by IKE Smart City, and authorizing a statutory competition period of twenty-one (21) days in accordance with Section 255.065, Florida Statutes.

Pursuant to Resolution No. 26-62, notice was published in the Florida Administrative Register and the South Florida Sun Sentinel on April 16, 2026, and April 23, 2026. The statutory competition period closed on May 7, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. local time.

At the conclusion of the statutory competition period, no additional unsolicited proposals for the same project were received by the City. The next step in the unsolicited proposal process is for City staff to present a resolution to the City Commission on June 2, 2026, to consider providing notice of the decision to proceed with negotiations pursuant to Section 255.065, Florida Statutes, based on the unsolicited proposal submitted by IKE. The resolution will provide the City Manager with authorization to negotiate an interim and/or comprehensive agreement. Any proposed agreement would be brought to the City Commission for future consideration and approval.

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Cooper, Deputy City Manager, at 954-828-5980 or via email at ccooper@fortlauderdale.gov.

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