

**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

BRIDGES OF AMERICA, INC.,

Petitioner,

**FDC Case Nos. 16-57
 16-58**

vs.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS,

**DOAH Case Nos. 16-2184BID
 16-2183BID**

Respondent.

FINAL ORDER

This matter has come before the State of Florida, Department of Corrections (“Department”) pursuant to Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes. After reviewing this matter and being fully advised in the premises, the Department makes the following findings:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On September 28, 2015, the Department advertised Request for Proposal DC RFP-15-089, Substance Abuse Transition Re-Entry Center (SATREC) Programs in Manatee and Broward Counties (hereinafter “RFP”).
2. The RFP provided for two separate awards, one for a location in Manatee County, and the other for a location in Broward County. Petitioner was the only vendor to submit a proposal for each of the possible awards in the RFP.
3. On March 22, 2016, the Department posted its decision to reject all bids for the RFP, for both possible awards.

4. On April 4, 2016, Petitioner filed formal written protests with the Department for each of the possible awards and posted the required protest bonds. The Broward County award was assigned FDC Case No. 16-57, and the Manatee County award was assigned FDC Case No. 16-58.

5. On April 19, 2016, the Department referred the cases to the Division of Administrative Hearings (“DOAH”). FDC Case No. 16-57 was assigned DOAH Case No. 16-2183BID, and FDC Case No. 16-58 was assigned DOAH Case No. 16-2184BID. The two cases were assigned to the same Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”), who consolidated the two cases sua sponte. A final hearing was set by the ALJ for May 19, 2016.

6. Thereafter, the parties reached an amicable resolution of both formal written protests, and signed a settlement agreement on May 11, 2016.

7. The terms of the settlement agreement provide for the consolidated cases to be dismissed at DOAH, to be followed by the Department entering a Final Order reflecting that Bridges’ protests are being dismissed with prejudice. Further, each party is to bear their own attorney’s fees and costs.

8. Pursuant to the settlement agreement, the parties filed a Stipulation to Dismiss and Relinquish Jurisdiction with DOAH on May 12, 2016.

9. On May 13, 2016, the ALJ entered an Order closing the file and relinquishing jurisdiction to the Department.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

10. The Department has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes.


11. Section 120.57(4), Florida Statutes, states:

INFORMAL DISPOSITION.—Unless precluded by law, informal disposition may be made of any proceeding by stipulation, agreed settlement, or consent order.

12. Pursuant to the terms of the settlement agreement, the Department is entering this Final Order dismissing the consolidated cases with prejudice.

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ordered and adjudged that both formal written protests filed in the above-styled matter are dismissed, with prejudice, with each party to bear its own attorney's fees and costs.

DONE AND ORDERED on this 16 day of May, 2016 in Tallahassee, Florida.



JULIE L. JONES, Secretary
Florida Department of Corrections
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Notice of Right to Appeal

This Final Order constitutes final agency action. Any party to this proceeding has the right to seek judicial review of the Final Order pursuant to Section 120.68, Florida Statutes, by filing a Notice of Appeal in accordance with Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure 9.110 and 9.190, with the Clerk of the Department in the Office of General Counsel, 501 South Calhoun Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399; and by filing a copy of the Notice of Appeal accompanied by the applicable filing fees either in the First District Court of Appeal or in such other appellate district as Petitioner resides or as otherwise provided by law. The Notice of Appeal must be filed within 30 days from the date this Final Order is filed with the Clerk of the Department.

Filed in the official records of the Florida Department of Corrections on this 16 day of May, 2016.



Deputy Agency Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing "Final Order" has been furnished this 16 day of May, 2016, by U.S. Mail or email to:

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