

CITY OF BETHLEHEM
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

SUBJECT: Request for Approval by City Council of Contract Award or Contract Price Increase Pursuant to City Ordinance, Article 121.05 (a)
Project or Contract Reference: Business Privilege & Mercantile Tax Collection

TO: City Council, all members, and Council Solicitor

FROM: Mark W. Sivak, Director of Budget & Finance

DATE: April 1, 2016

On behalf of the Administration, pursuant to City Ordinances, Article 121.05, I request City Council's approval of the following recommendation of the referenced contract award or price increase.

- Check Type of Contract or Change:

The contract is for over \$50,000 and required to be bid under the Third Class City Code. We have advertised the above referenced project and received qualified bids. We recommend award of the contract to the bidder identified and for the reasons stated below.

The recommendation is for a price increase of 10% or more for an existing contract over \$50,000 that was previously bid and awarded under the Third Class City Code.

The contract is for the engagement of professional services. We have received and reviewed a proposal or proposals for professional services in connection with above referenced project or requirement for professional services. We recommend award of the contract.

- Is the contract appropriation or price increase included in this year's budget? yes no
- Identify contract funding sources (general fund, grants, loans, etc.....):

General Fund	0101-42055
9-1-1 Fund	001.1A-42055801
Water Fund	2006-42055
Sewer Fund	3003-42055
Golf Fund	004A-42055
CDBG Fund	009A-92115

- The name and address of the recommended Contractor/Vendor/Professional Service Provider/Lowest Responsible Bidder are:

Maher Duessel
3003 N. Front Street, Suite 101
Harrisburg, PA 17110

- Term of contract or estimated completion date, subject to standard extensions:
Term is three years with option to renew for one additional three-year period.
- Description of project or scope of services to be provided:
Financial Auditing Services
- State the actual or estimated price to the City or the proposed Department budget allowance for the initial term; and state payment rate per unit of service if applicable:

\$74,570 – 2015 Audit Fees

\$76,730 – 2016 Audit Fees

\$78,880 – 2017 Audit Fees

- Number of renewal term options and duration of each renewal, if any:
One additional three-year period
- Maximum dollar value of all renewals provided for beyond the original term as if all renewals were exercised:

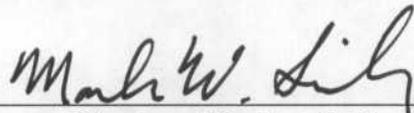
\$245,000 (Estimated)

- Reasons for recommendation of Administration and Council approval of contract:

Maher Duessel has been the City's auditors for 9 years; therefore they are familiar with our systems and processes. Consistency with auditors would be beneficial in a year where we are upgrading our financial system along with the continued implementation of New World for public safety. There are also new accounting standards that need to be implemented with the 2015 audit which Maher Duessel has already been working on with the City.

Please approve this recommendation by passing the accompanying resolution. A vote of final approval is requested at the first City Council agenda listing of this matter.

By: _____



Director of Budget & Finance

Copies To: Mayor
Business Administrator
Law Bureau
Purchasing Bureau
Controller

Attachment: proposed resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Authorization for Contract or Amendment under Article 121.05(a)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Bethlehem that the Mayor and the Controller and/or such other City officials as deemed appropriate by the City Solicitor, are hereby authorized to execute a Contract or Amendment and such other agreements and documents as are deemed by the City Solicitor to be necessary and/or related thereto, with the following named contractor, for the uses and purposes indicated in the supporting Recommendation of Award of Bid or Contract dated March 9, 2016:

1. Name of Contractor: Maher Duessel
2. Project or Contract Reference: Financial Audit Services

Sponsored by _____

ADOPTED by Council this _____ day of _____, 20__.

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk