

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 Reference: WT-19-W01 Water Main Replacement

TO: City Council, all members, and Council Solicitor

FROM: Edward J. Boscola, P.E. – Director of Water and Sewer Resources

DATE: August 29, 2019

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:

 X 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 proposal for professional services in connection with above referenced project.

- Is the contract appropriation or price increase included in this year's budget? X yes no

Water Capital Fund

- Identify contract funding sources (general fund, grants, loans, etc.....):

Account # 007A-77005

- The name and address of the recommended Professional Service Provider are:

R-III Construction, Inc.
600 Creamery Road
Nazareth, PA 18064

- Term of contract or estimated completion date, subject to standard extensions:

The contract shall run for 180 calendar days from the Notice to Proceed.

- Description of project or scope of services to be provided:

The project includes water main replacement in the following areas to address fire flow deficiencies, high main break history, and pipe age/condition (base bid scope of work only):

Bethlehem Township (Allen, Cawley, and Roosevelt Sts) 1700 ft

Freemansburg Borough (Cambria, East Market, Karoly, Tolstoy Sts) – 1700 ft

City of Bethlehem (private drive off PineTop Trail) – 600 ft

- 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:

\$695,170.00

- Number of renewal term options and duration of each renewal, if any:

None

- Maximum dollar value of all renewals provided for beyond the original term as if all renewals were exercised:

\$695,170.00

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

Five (5) bids were received from contractors. References and financial information were checked and R-III Construction, Inc. was found to be the lowest responsible bidder for the scope of work described above.

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: _____

Edward J. Boscola – Director of Water & Sewer Resources

Copies To: Mayor
Director of Administration
Director of Budget and Finance
Law Bureau
Purchasing Bureau
Controller
Amy Rohrbach – Project Manager

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 August 29, 2019.

1. Name of Contractor: R-III Construction, Inc.
2. Project or Contract Reference: Water Main Replacement

Sponsored by _____

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

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk