

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: WWTP West Influent Pump Room Upgrades

TO: City Council, all members, and Council Solicitor

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

DATE: May 12, 2020

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 five (5) proposals for professional services in connection with above referenced project. We recommend award of the contract to: Borton-Lawson

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

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

Account 008A-88123

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

Borton-Lawson
3897 Adler Place
Bethlehem, PA 18017

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

18 months from the NTP

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

Consultant shall provide engineering services for the upgrades of the West Influent Pump Room at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. All pumps and equipment in this room are in poor condition and beyond useful life. The project will be completed in two (2) phases: Phase 1 – Design and Permitting; Phase 2 – Bidding & Construction Services. Phase 1 includes design effort for replacement of pumps, piping, valves, electrical controls and MCC, SCADA controls, architectural changes related to access and all other necessary work to complete the project. Deliverables include regulatory agency permits and bid documents (plans and specifications). Work during Phase 2 will include public bidding and construction phase 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:

\$147,400

- 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:

\$147,400

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

Five (5) proposals were received from competent engineering consultants. Interviews were conducted with the 2 firms with the lowest price proposals. Borton Lawson had a well-defined scope but what set them apart is the fact that they are a local firm with an office in Hanover Twp. Borton-Lawson also provides all necessary services in-house, whereas the other firm interviewed would have to outsource the electrical and ventilation design. Finally, Borton-Lawson is technology focused and utilizes 3-D photo scanning and modeling technology which increases the accuracy of design. Therefore, it is recommended a contract be awarded to Borton-Lawson at their proposal of \$147,400.

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
Department Head

Copies To: Mayor
Director of Administration
Director of Budget and Finance
Law Bureau
Purchasing Bureau
Controller
Amy Rohrbach
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 May 12, 2020.

1. Name of Contractor: Borton-Lawson
2. Project or Contract Reference: WWTP West Influent Pump Room Upgrades

Sponsored by _____

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

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk