

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: 2020 15 WWTP Settling Tank Improvements Project

TO: City Council, all members, and Council Solicitor

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

DATE: September 3, 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:

 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 a proposal for professional services in connection with above referenced project. We recommend award of the contract to:

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

2020 Sewer Capital Budget: 008A-880022, 008A-88023

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

L.B. Industries, Inc.
2290 Wassergass Rd
Hellertown, PA 18055

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

240 days to Substantial Completion and 270 days to Final Completion from the date of the Notice to Proceed

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

The project includes the renovations to the Waste Water Treatment Plant West Intermediate Clarifier, replacement of access bridges to the 2 Primary Clarifiers and upgrades to the East Intermediate Clarifier weirs and access bridge. Work to include replacement of all components of the West Intermediate Clarifier with the exception of the existing drive unit which was replaced earlier in the year.

- 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:

\$1,526,759

- 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:

N/A

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

6 bids were received with base bids ranging in price from \$1,526,759 to \$1,741,000. L.B. Industries, Inc. submitted the lowest responsive bid. The City has worked with L.B. Industries on several past projects and has had a good experience, therefore, we recommend award of a contract to L.B. Industries, Inc. at their base bid of \$1,526,759.

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: 
Department Head

Copies To: Mayor
Director of Administration
Director of Budget and Finance

Law Bureau
Purchasing Bureau
Controller
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 September 3, 2020.

1. Name of Contractor: L.B. Industries, Inc.
2. Project or Contract Reference: 2020 15 WWTP Settling Tank Improvements Project

Sponsored by _____

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

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk