

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: __Pedestrian Bridge Feasibility Study

TO: City Council, all members, and Council Solicitor

FROM: Alicia Miller-Karner_, Department Head

DATE: October 28, 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.

 X 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? X yes ___no

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

DCNR grant	\$40,000
Northampton County grant	\$60,000
City funds	<u>\$40,000</u>
	\$140,000

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

WRT
1700 Market Street, Suite 2800
Philadelphia, PA 19103

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

Estimated completion date – January 2022

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

The project proposes the completion of a feasibility study for the development of a pedestrian/bicycle bridge over the Lehigh River.

- 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:

N/A

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

N/A

- 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:

The consultant team has prior experience and intimate knowledge about the City of Bethlehem, having participated in projects like the Hoover Mason Trestle, the Northside 2027 Neighborhood plan and the S. New Street Streetscape Plan. The proposal was visionary while including the technical expertise on the team for bridge design. The proposal provides for a wide range of public involvement opportunities.

A variety of firms were interviewed by an interview team including city staff from both Planning and DPW, Northampton County DCED Director, City Council and a community representative. The consensus of the interview team was to offer the project to WRT.

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

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 6-26-20 and 10-23-20 _____:

1. Name of Contractor: WRT
2. Project or Contract Reference: Pedestrian Bridge Feasibility Study

Sponsored by _____

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

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk