

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: 2022-08R Lead Service Line Replacement Project

TO: City Council, all members, and Council Solicitor

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

DATE: March 09, 2022

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

Water Capital Fund

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

Account # 007A-77011

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

Michael F. Ronca & Sons, Inc.
179 Mikron Rd.
Bethlehem PA. 18020

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

This Contract shall run from Notice to Proceed until April 30, 2023.

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

This project will provide water quality benefits by replacing lead service lines from the water main to the home owner's meter. The work includes excavating and installing new copper service, corporation valve, curb valve, curb box, connection to existing meter, and removal of all lead piping. Project is being funded by a PennVest grant.

- 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:

\$2,587,447.50

- 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:

\$2,587,447.50

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

Six (6) bids were received following public advertisement. References and financial information were checked and Michael F. Ronca & Sons, 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: 
Department Head

Copies To: Mayor
Director of Administration
Director of Budget and Finance
Law Bureau
Purchasing Bureau
Controller
Project Manager – Robert Taylor
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 09, 2022.

1. Name of Contractor: Michael F. Ronca & Sons, Inc.
2. Project or Contract Reference: 2022 08R Lead Service Line Replacement Project

Sponsored by _____

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

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk