

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 22 Unaccounted For Water Study for the Bethlehem Water System

TO: City Council, all members, and Council Solicitor

FROM: Edward J. Boscola, PE, Director of Water and Sewer Resources

DATE: March 25, 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:

_____ 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.

- Is the contract appropriation or price increase included in this year's budget? ✓yes ___no

2022 Water Fund Operating Budget

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

Account #2006-42055 – Water General Expenses – Professional Services

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

AECOM
1700 Market Street
Suite 1600
Philadelphia, PA 19107

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

The contract shall run from the Notice to Proceed until December 31, 2022.

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

The City water system has experienced an increase in the rate of unaccounted for water in recent years. This is the volume of water not-metered and otherwise not accounted for. Internal investigations have not resulted in a determination as to the underlying cause(s). The city will engage a professional consultant, AECOM, who will assist in the evaluation and determination of potential causes of the increased rate and recommend corrective actions which will promote system efficiency and water conservation efforts.

- 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:

\$55,200 based on time and expense not to exceed budget

- 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:

- A request for proposals was issue to eight (8) professional consultants. AECOM was selected due to price and their prior working knowledge of the City's water system. They also have extensive professional experience with similar efforts for other municipalities.

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

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 25, 2022:

1. Name of Contractor: AECOM
2. Project or Contract Reference: 2022 22 Unaccounted for Water Study for the Bethlehem Water System.

Sponsored by _____

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

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk