

**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: 2024-25 Emergency Water Supply Interconnections Design – COB/ESWA

**TO:** City Council, all members, and Council Solicitor

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

**DATE:** April 9, 2024

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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 and reviewed a proposal for professional services in connection with above referenced project. We recommend award of the contract to AECOM, Inc.

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

2024 Water Capital Fund

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

Water Capital Fund Account 007A-77100

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

AECOM  
625 West Ridge Pike  
Conshohocken, PA 19428

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

The contract shall run from Notice to Proceed through December 31, 2024.

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

Consultant shall provide professional engineering services to design upgrades to two emergency water system interconnections between the City of Bethlehem and Easton Suburban Water Authority (ESWA). This effort is part of the long-term plan to improve redundancy and resiliency of the City water system as well as our neighboring water suppliers.

- 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:

\$119,200

- 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:

AECOM performed the emergency water supply evaluation and conceptual design for the City. This effort is a continuation of that project. Their fee is commensurate with the scope of work.

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.

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By: Edward J. Boscola

Copies To: Mayor  
Director of Public Works  
Director of Administration  
Director of Budget and Finance  
Law Bureau  
Purchasing Bureau

Attachment: Controller  
Chief of Engineering  
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 April 9, 2024:

1. Name of Contractor: AECOM
2. Project or Contract Reference: 2024-25 Emergency Water Supply Interconnection Design – COB/ESWA

Sponsored by \_\_\_\_\_  
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ADOPTED by Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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President of Council

ATTEST:

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City Clerk