

**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 40 – WWTP Aeration Tank Performance Optimization and Design Criteria Development

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

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

**DATE:** August 12, 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.

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

2024 Sewer Fund Budget

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

Account #3003-42055

- 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 until March 31, 2025

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

Engineering consultant shall provide an evaluation of the WWTP aeration tank performance with recommendations to optimize operations along with development of design criteria for the next phase of process improvements at the plant. This effort will form the basis of design for a future design RFP.

- 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:

\$45,900

- 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:

\$45,900

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

- AECOM is the City's waste water treatment process engineer chosen under a previous RFP. This effort is a continuation of previous studies and evaluations of waste water treatment processes to upgrade and expand the WWTP in keeping with the long term goals of the City's Act 537 Plan.

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:   
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 August 12, 2024:

1. Name of Contractor: AECOM
2. Project or Contract Reference: 2024 40 WWTP Aeration Tank Performance Optimization and Design Criteria Development

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