

**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: 2026 07 WWTP Hot Water Loop and Bio-Gas Analysis Engineering Services

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

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

**DATE:** January 5, 2026

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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 four (4) proposals for professional services in connection with above referenced project.

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

2026 Sewer Capital Fund

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

Sewer Capital Fund Account 008A-88158

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

Colliers Engineering and Design, Inc.  
1110 American Parkway, Ste F-200B  
Allentown, PA 18109

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

The contract shall run (100) days from the notice to proceed.

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

Consultant shall provide professional engineering services to assist the City in evaluating the economic and practical feasibility of upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment Plant to improve the functioning and efficiency of the existing steam boilers and hot water circulation system. Upgrades to be explored will include the replacement of existing piping, conversion to hot water boilers, and installation of alternative bio-gas equipment to allow for generation of electricity or sale of renewable natural gas. A report detailing the above will be produced including an assessment of these concepts and qualification to receive US DOE Industrial Assessment Center grant funding.

- 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:

\$59,900.00

- 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:

Colliers Engineering and their proposed subconsultants have performed projects of similar scope for other clients and have detailed their thorough understanding of wastewater topics in their proposal and during the City's interview with their project team. 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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*Edward J. Boscola*  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Department Head

Copies To: Mayor  
Director of Administration  
Director of Budget and Finance  
Law Bureau  
Purchasing Bureau  
Controller  
Project Manager

Attachment: Proposed Resolution

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2026-\_\_\_\_\_**

### 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 January 5, 2026.

1. Name of Contractor: Colliers Engineering and Design, Inc
2. Project or Contract Reference: 2026 07 WWTP Hot Water Loop and Bio-Gas Analysis Engineering Services

Sponsored by: /s/ \_\_\_\_\_

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ADOPTED by Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
President of Council

ATTEST:

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk