

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 18 GC Final Clarifier Sludge Return Piping Modifications Construction

TO: City Council, all members, and Council Solicitor

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

DATE: July 27, 2026

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.

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

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

Sewer Capital Fund – Account # 008A-88159

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

*LB Industries, Inc.
2290 Wassergass Road
Hellertown, PA 18055*

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

Substantial Completion – January 29, 2027 (est.) | Final Completion – February 12, 2027 (est.)

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

Complete all general construction work items for the Final Clarifier Sludge Return Piping Modifications Construction Project to reconfigure the wastewater treatment plant sludge piping to allow the transfer of final sludge to the gravity thickener and non-potable water from final clarifier to the primary clarifier. Contractor will also install owner furnished final sludge pump.

- 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:

Bid Contract Amount - \$370,145.00

- 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:

This work will allow for the removal of temporary workarounds in use at the wastewater plant and allow additional water to be added to the primary clarifiers when solids loads are high. LB Industries, Inc. was determined to be the lowest responsible bidder and has satisfactorily performed recent work at the City wastewater plant including on the East Intermediate Clarifier Improvements project.

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
Procurement 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.

1. Name of Contractor:

LB Industries, Inc.
2290 Wassergass Road
Hellertown, PA 18055

2. Project or Contract Reference:

2026 18 GC Final Clarifier Sludge Return Piping Modifications
Construction

Sponsored by: /s/ _____

ADOPTED by Council this _____ day of _____, 2026.

/s/ _____

President of Council

ATTEST:

/s/ _____

City Clerk