

**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: 2025 26 WWTP Final Clarifier Sludge Return Piping Modifications Engineering Services

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

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

**DATE:** April 30, 2025

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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 a proposal for professional services in connection with above referenced project.

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

2025 Sewer Capital Fund

- 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:

Verdantas, LLC  
3897 Adler Pl, Bldg., C, Bethlehem, PA 18017

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

Estimated Completion – January 31, 2026

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

Consultant shall perform professional engineering services related to advancing plans for modifications to the City of Bethlehem’s WWTP Final Clarifier Recirculation System to final design, including specifications suitable for bidding and construction services. These modifications will allow final sludge to be discharged to the existing gravity thickener and final clearwater to be discharged to the primary clarifier for improved plant operation.

The services to be performed include Phase 1 through 3 for Design, Bidding, and Construction Administration Services, as requested in City’s RFP and as outlined in Consultant’s Proposal.

- 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:

\$82,920.00

- 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:

(4) Proposals were received in response to the RFP. Verdantas, LLC supplied a competitive proposal which comprehensively addressed the requirements of the City’s request for proposal and have performed similar work for the City in the past, including on the WWTP West Influent Pump Room project. Their fee is commensurate with this 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:   
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. 2025-\_\_\_\_\_**

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: Verdantas LLC
2. Project or Contract Reference: 2025 26 WWTP Final Clarifier Sludge  
Return Piping Modifications  
Engineering Services

Sponsored by \_\_\_\_\_  
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ADOPTED by Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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President of Council

ATTEST:

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City Clerk