



## Legislation Text

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**1. BACKGROUND:** This legislation authorizes the Director of Public Utilities to enter into an agreement with Chester Engineers, Inc., for professional engineering services for the Simpson Drive Area Water Line Improvements Project, in an amount up to \$274,858.98, under Division of Water Contract No. 1191.

The purpose of this project is to construct necessary improvements to the water distribution system in the Simpson Drive Area (Shady Lane Park Subdivision). The improvements identified in the scope of work will replace or rehabilitate mains that have high break histories and require frequent maintenance. This project includes replacing or rehabilitating approximately 4,400 linear feet of 6-inch and 10,445 linear feet of 8-inch water mains within the project area. The project area includes Maetzel Drive, Huntly Drive, Amesbury Road, Thurston Drive, Rodney Road, Grimsby Road, Errington Road, Boynton Place, and Marble Drive.

**2. ECONOMIC IMPACT/ADVANTAGES; COMMUNITY OUTREACH; PROJECT DEVELOPMENT; ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS/ADVANTAGES OF PROJECT:** The goal of this project is to replace or rehabilitate the existing 6-inch and 8-inch water lines that have a high break frequency. Replacement of these water lines will decrease burden on water maintenance operations. The new lines constructed under this project should eliminate the pattern of frequent water line breaks. The Neighborhood Liaison(s) will be contacted and informed of this project during the design phase. Further community outreach may result through the Neighborhood Liaison Program.

**3. BID INFORMATION:** The selection of the firm providing the professional engineering services has been performed in accordance with the procedures set forth in Columbus City Code, Section 329.14, "Awarding professional service contracts through requests for proposals." The evaluation criteria for this contract included: 1. proposal quality, 2. project schedule, 3. past performance, 4. environmentally preferable offeror, and 5. local workforce.

Requests for Proposals (RFP's) were received on November 1, 2013 from Chester Engineers, Inc., GS&P/Oh, Inc., and Bird + Bull, Inc.

An evaluation committee reviewed the proposals and scored them based on the criteria mentioned above. The Department of Public Utilities recommends that the contract be awarded to Chester Engineers, Inc.

The Contract Compliance Number for Chester Engineers, Inc. is 20-2401674 (expires 5/1/15, MBE). Additional information regarding all bidders, description of work, contract time frame and detailed amounts can be found on the attached Information form.

Searches in the Excluded Party List System (Federal) and the Findings for Recovery list (State) produced no findings against Chester Engineers, Inc.

**4. FISCAL IMPACT:** A transfer of funds within the Water Works Enlargement Voted Bonds Fund will be necessary, as well as an amendment to the 2013 Capital Improvements Budget.

To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to enter into an agreement with Chester Engineers, Inc. for professional engineering services for the Simpson Drive Area Water Line Improvements Project; to authorize a transfer and expenditure up to \$274,858.98 within the Water Works Enlargement Voted Bonds Fund; and to amend the 2013 Capital Improvements Budget; for the Division of Water. (\$274,858.98)

**WHEREAS**, three technical proposals for professional engineering services for the Simpson Drive Area Water Line Improvements Project were received on November 1, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Utilities recommends that the agreement be awarded to Chester Engineers, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for this Council to authorize the transfer and expenditure of funds within the Water Works Enlargement Voted Bonds Fund, for the Division of Water; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to authorize an amendment to the 2013 Capital Improvements Budget for the purpose of providing sufficient spending authority for the aforementioned project expenditure; and

**WHEREAS**, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Division of Water, Department of Public Utilities, to authorize the Director of Public Utilities to enter into a professional engineering services agreement for the Simpson Drive Area Water Line Improvements Project, for the preservation of the public health, peace, property and safety;

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Director of Public Utilities be and hereby is authorized to enter into a professional engineering services agreement for the Simpson Drive Area Water Line Improvements Project with the best, most responsive, and responsible bidder, Chester Engineers, Inc., 88 East Broad Street, Suite 1980, Columbus, OH 43215; for an expenditure up to \$274,858.98; in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract on file in the Office of the Division of Water.

**SECTION 2.** That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer \$74,858.98 within the Department of Public Utilities, Division of Water, Water Works Enlargement Voted Bonds Fund, Fund No. 606, Dept/Div. No. 60-09, Object Level Three 6677, as follows:

**Fund No. | Project No. | Project Name | OCA Code | Change**

606 | 690501-100001 (New Funding) | Old Roberts WL Imp's | 665011 | -\$74,858.98  
606 | 690236-100062 (New Funding) | Simpson Dr. Area WL Imp's | 623662 | +\$74,858.98

Note: there is already \$200,000 in Project No. 690236-100062 (New Funding).

**SECTION 3.** That the 2013 Capital Improvements Budget is hereby amended as follows:

**Fund No. | Project No. | Project Name | OCA Code | Change**

606 | 690501-100001 (New Funding) | Old Roberts WL Imp's | \$777,112 | \$702,253 | -\$74,859  
606 | 690236-100062 (New Funding) | Simpson Dr. Area WL Imp's | \$200,000 | \$274,859 | +\$74,859

**SECTION 4.** That an expenditure up to \$274,858.98 is hereby authorized for the Simpson Drive Area Water Line Improvements Project within the Water Works Enlargement Voted Bonds Fund, Fund No. 606, Division 60-09, Project No. 690236-100062 (New Funding), OCA Code 623662, Object Level Three 6677.

**SECTION 5.** That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

**SECTION 6.** That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to transfer any unencumbered balance in the project account to the unallocated balance within the same fund upon receipt of certification by the Director of the

Department administering said project that the project has been completed and the monies no longer required for said project; except that no transfer shall be made from a project account by monies from more than one source.

**SECTION 7.** That the City Auditor is authorized to establish proper project accounting numbers as appropriate.

**SECTION 8.** That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this Ordinance.

**SECTION 9.** That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.