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Legislation Text

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1. BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the Director of Public Utilities to enter into an agreement with EMH&T, Inc., for professional engineering services for Existing Detention Basins Evaluation Project, CIP 610792-100000.

The City of Columbus owns and maintains numerous detention basins. The majority of these basins were designed and constructed prior to post-construction water quality criteria now contained in the OEPA's General Construction Permit. The goal of this project is to determine which of these basins can be modified to meet current OEPA water quality requirements.

The Engineer shall identify basins that can be modified, develop a concept plan of required modifications, determine real estate needs, estimate engineering design cost and construction cost for each basin and prepare a report presenting this information. This study is anticipated to begin winter 2010 and end winter 2012. No additional phases are currently anticipated.

2. ENGINEERING CONTRACT AWARD: EMH&T, Inc. was selected in accordance with the procedures set forth in Columbus City Code, Section 329.14, "Awarding professional service contracts through requests for proposals". Eleven proposals meeting minimum qualifications were received and opened on February 5, 2010. The proposals evaluated were from: DLZ, EMH&T, Floyd Browne Group, GPD Group, Gresham Smith and Partners, Korda/Nemeth Engineering, Pomeroy & Associates, Prime Engineering & Architecture, Resource International, Stantec Consulting Services and URS.

Upon review of the proposals, the bidders were ranked using criteria specified in City Code, and more specifically: proposal quality, competence to perform required work, project schedule, past performance, and environmentally preferable factors if applicable. Based upon these criteria, EMH&T, Inc. was selected as the highest-ranked bidder.

3. FISCAL IMPACT: There is sufficient cash and authority within the Storm B.A.B.s (Build America Bonds) Fund for this project.

4. CONTRACT COMPLIANCE INFORMATION: Contract Compliance Number, 31-0685594, expires: 09/21/2011, Majority.

To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to enter into an agreement for professional engineering services with EMH&T, Inc.; Existing Detention Basins Evaluation Project for the Division of Sewerage and Drainage; and to authorize the expenditure of \$372,433.13 within the Storm B.A.B.s (Build America Bonds) Fund. (\$372,433.13).

WHEREAS, EMH&T's Requests for Proposal was received and opened on February 5, 2010 for engineering services for the Existing Detention Basins Evaluation Project; and

WHEREAS, EMH&T, Inc., was selected as the highest-ranked bidder based upon proposal quality, competence to perform required work, project schedule, past performance, and environmentally preferable factors if applicable; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the Director of Public Utilities to enter into an agreement for professional engineering services to determine which basins can be modified to meet current OEPA water quality requirements; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Division of Sewerage and Drainage, Department of Public Utilities, to authorize the Director of Public Utilities to enter into an agreement for professional engineering services, for the Existing Detention Basins Evaluation Project, for the preservation of the public health, peace, property, and safety; now therefore.

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

SECTION 1. 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 2. That the City Auditor is authorized to establish proper project accounting numbers as appropriate.

SECTION 3. 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 4. That the Director of Public Utilities be and hereby is authorized to execute an agreement with EMH&T, Inc., 5500 New Albany Road, Columbus, Ohio 43054, for the Division of Sewerage and Drainage, for professional engineering services in accordance with the terms and conditions on file in the office of the Division of Sewerage and Drainage.

SECTION 5. That the said engineering firm shall conduct the work to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Utilities and the Administrator of the Division of Sewerage and Drainage.

SECTION 6. That for the purpose of paying the cost of the professional engineering services contract, the following expenditure, or as much thereof as may be needed, be and the same is hereby authorized as follows: Division 60-15, Fund 676, Project 610792-100000, Object Level One 06, Object Level Three 6682, OCA Code 685792, Amount \$372,433.13.

SECTION 7. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest date allowed by law.