



Legislation Text

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1. BACKGROUND

This ordinance authorizes the Director of the Department of Public Utilities to enter into a contract with Evans Mechwart Hambleton & Tilton, Inc. (EMH&T) for professional engineering services for the Youngs Drive Area Water Line Improvements project, CIP #690236-100155, in an amount up to \$352,350.40.

The purpose of this project is to construct necessary improvements to the water distribution system in the Youngs Drive Area. The improvements identified in the scope of work will replace or rehabilitate water lines that have high break histories and require frequent maintenance. This project includes replacing or rehabilitating approximately 10,655 linear feet of 2-inch, 6-inch, 8-inch water lines and transferring existing services. The streets include Roche Place, Arborwood Drive, Arborwood Court, Ironwood Court, Tamarack Court North, Tamarack Court South, Newbury Court, Kildale Court, and Greenglen Court.

This project is located within the following Community Planning Area: Northland (35)

TIMELINE & FUTURE RENEWAL(S): The duration of the design phase for this project is expected to be 12 months. It is estimated the end of this contract will occur in 2025.

ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT: The contract amount is to be \$352,350.40 including a 15% contingency that will be utilized to fund needed and approved changes in the work. No contract modifications are anticipated at this time; however, design exigency might later compel modification of this contract if unforeseen difficulties are encountered.

Original Contract	\$352,350.40
Future Anticipated Needs	\$ 0.00
CONTRACT TOTAL	\$352,350.40

2. ECONOMIC IMPACT/ADVANTAGES; COMMUNITY OUTREACH; PROJECT DEVELOPMENT; ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS/ADVANTAGES OF PROJECT

The goal of this project is to replace or rehabilitate existing water lines that have a high break frequency. Replacement of these water lines will improve water service, decrease burden on water maintenance operations, and reduce water loss. 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. PROCUREMENT

This project was formally advertised on the Vendor Services and Bonfire websites from August 25, 2023, through September 22, 2023. Requests for Proposals for three waterline projects were solicited from six firms previously identified through a Statement of Qualifications process. The intention was to award one of the waterline contracts to each of the three highest scoring companies. Proposals were received from the following companies:

<u>Name</u>	<u>C.C. No.</u>	<u>Exp. Date</u>	<u>City/State</u>	<u>Status</u>
EMH&T	CC004214	11/8/25	Columbus/OH	MAJ
Korda/Nemeth Engineering, Inc.	CC004467	2/22/25	Columbus/OH	MAJ
Resource International, Inc.	CC004197	1/31/24	Columbus/OH	WBE
AECOM Technical Services, Inc.	CC010897	6/22/24	Columbus/OH	MAJ
DLZ Ohio, Inc.	CC004939	4/29/24	Columbus/OH	MBE
HDR Engineering, Inc.	CC008851	5/19/24	Columbus/OH	MAJ

All proposals were deemed responsive. The evaluation committee reviewed the proposals and recommended the contract for the Youngs Drive Area Water Line Improvements project be awarded to EMH&T.

As part of their proposal, EMH&T proposed the following subcontractor to perform contract work:

<u>Company Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>	<u>ODI Certification Status</u>
2LMN, Inc.	Columbus	MBE

The certifications of EMH&T and the above subcontractor were in good standing at the time the bid was awarded.

4. CONTRACT COMPLIANCE INFORMATION

EMH&T's contract compliance number is CC004214 and expires 11/8/25.

Searches in the Excluded Party List System (Federal) and the Findings for Recovery list (State) did not reveal any exclusions for EMH&T or the listed subcontractor.

5. MINORITY AND WOMAN OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE & SMALL LOCAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM

This contract was bid with an anticipated City of Columbus MBE/WBE Program goal of 10%. After review of the Utilization Plan and other related information the contractor submitted with their bid response, an MBE/WBE Program goal of 10% is established for this contract. Failure by the contractor to meet this goal subjects the contractor to the Penalties for Non-Compliance as described in the terms and conditions of the bid documents.

The Utilization Plan attached to this ordinance shows one City-certified MBE subcontractor is planned to be used for this project. The anticipated MBE/WBE spend for this contract, based upon the Utilization Plan, is 27.8%.

6. FISCAL IMPACT

Funding in the amount of \$352,350.40 is available and appropriated within the Water Bond Fund, Fund 6006. An amendment to the 2023 Capital Improvement Budget is needed to align budget authority with the proper project.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Public Utilities to enter into a professional services contract with EMH&T for the Youngs Drive Area Water Line Improvements project; to authorize an amendment to the 2023 Capital Improvement Budget; and to authorize the expenditure of \$352,350.40 from the Water Bond Fund for the contract. (\$352,350.40)

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Utilities is engaged in the Youngs Drive Area Water Line Improvements project; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposals for the Youngs Drive Area Water Line Improvements project was advertised; and

WHEREAS, six proposals for the Youngs Drive Area Water Line Improvements project were received and evaluated by the evaluation committee; and

WHEREAS, the evaluation committee recommended EMH&T be awarded the contract for this project; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the Director of the Department of Public Utilities to enter into a professional services contract with EMH&T for the Youngs Drive Area Water Line Improvements project; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Capital Improvements Budget must be modified to align budget authority with the proper project; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize an expenditure of funds from the Water Bond Fund, Fund 6006, to pay for the contracted services for the project; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

SECTION 1. That the 2023 Capital Improvements Budget authorized by Ordinance 1711-2023 be amended as follows to establish sufficient budget authority for this project:

Fund / Project Number / Project Name / Current / Change / Amended

6006 / 690236-100143 / Eureka-Fremont Area Water Line Improvements (Voted Water Carryover) / \$363,406.00 / (\$52,350.00) / \$311,056.00

6006 / 690236-100155 / Youngs Drive Area Water Line Improvements / (Voted Water Carryover) / \$300,000.00 / \$52,350.00 / \$352,350.00

SECTION 2. That the Director of the Department of Public Utilities is hereby authorized to enter into a professional services contract for the Youngs Drive Area Water Line Improvements project with EMH&T, 550 New Albany Road, Columbus, Ohio 43054, in an amount not to exceed \$352,350.40 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract on file in the Department of Public Utilities.

SECTION 3. That the expenditure of \$352,350.40, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized to pay for this contract per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4. That funds are hereby deemed appropriated and expenditures and transfers authorized to carry out the purposes of this ordinance and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 5. 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 6. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer the unencumbered balance in a project account to the unallocated balance account 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 are no longer required for said project.

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