



Legislation Text

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1. **BACKGROUND:**

A. **Need.** This legislation authorizes the Director of Public Utilities to enter into a construction contract with Precision Environmental Company, for the Southerly Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge Thickening Improvements and Additional Renovations project for the Division of Sewerage and Drainage.

This is a contract for one of the key, time-critical wastewater plants construction projects in the City's Wet Weather Management Plan (WWMP) program, for the period through 2010. The work in this program is a very substantial group of sewer capital improvement projects (CIPs), both collections systems and treatment works improvements, which have been agreed to by the City and Ohio EPA in order to conform to the requirements of the City's consent orders. The WWMP projects at the Southerly Wastewater Treatment Plant will increase the plant's wet weather treatment capacity to 330 million gallons per day.

The proposed contract with Precision Environmental Company is for Contract S75, Incinerator Building - North and Selective Demolition at the Southerly Wastewater Treatment Plant (SWWTP) and the Compost Facility and is the first phase of project construction. This contract Work consists of:

1. SWWTP - Demolition of the Incinerator Building-North, that has exceeded its useful life, selective demolition of process equipment and building elements of adjacent structures, demolition of associated site work, modification and temporary installations of process systems to maintain operation during construction, and abatement and remediation of hazardous materials encountered during construction. The Work is being performed to prepare the site for the construction of the second phase of project construction, Contract S76, Sludge Thickening Improvements and Additional Renovations.
2. Compost Facility - Removal of process equipment and building elements in the Solar Drying Building, Screening Area, and Storage Buildings, as well as, the replacement of building siding to close openings, pavement repair, and abatement and remediation of hazardous materials encountered during construction.

The contract was advertised in the City Bulletin, and bids were received on April 30, 2008, as follows:

1. Precision Environmental Company | Majority Firm | \$3,507,750.00
2. Kokosing Construction Company, Inc. | Majority Firm | \$3,935,250.00
3. C. J. Mahan Construction Company, LLC | Majority Firm | \$3,958,906.50

The Engineer's construction cost estimate was \$6,900,000.00.

Award is recommended to the lowest Responsive, Responsible, and Best Bidder.

B. **Contract Compliance No.:** 341570806/001 (MAJ) (Expires 04/30/2010)

C. **Emergency Designation:** The Division of Sewerage and Drainage is requesting City Council to designate this ordinance an emergency measure in order to allow for the immediate commencement of this work. This expediency is justified in order to fulfill the City's capital improvement project scheduling commitments set forth within the consent agreement between the City and the Ohio Attorney General's Office that addresses the City's wet weather wastewater overflows.

2. **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Sufficient monies and authority are already present to cover the necessary expenditure. This legislation will authorize the expenditure of \$3,507,750.00 for the Southerly Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge Thickening Improvements and Additional Renovations project within the Sanitary Sewer Revenue Bonds Fund.

To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to enter into a construction contract with Precision Environmental Company, in connection with the Southerly Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge Thickening Improvements and Additional Renovations project; to authorize the expenditure of \$3,507,750.00 within the Sanitary Sewer Revenue Bonds Fund, for the Division of Sewerage and Drainage; and to declare an emergency. (\$3,507,750.00)

WHEREAS, three competitive bids for construction of the Southerly Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge Thickening Improvements and Additional Renovations project, Contract S75, were received and opened April 30, 2008 in the offices of the Director of Public Utilities; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Sewerage and Drainage engineering personnel have determined it necessary to enter into a construction contract with Precision Environmental Company, in order to provide for construction of the Southerly Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge Thickening Improvements and Additional Renovations project, Contract S75; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for City Council to approve the aforementioned necessary expenditure from the Sanitary Sewer Revenue Bonds Fund; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Division of Sewerage and Drainage, Department of Public Utilities, in that it is immediately necessary for this Council to authorize the Director of Public Utilities to execute a construction contract with the Precision Environmental Company, in connection with the Southerly Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge Thickening Improvements and Additional Renovations project, in order to fulfill the City's capital improvement project scheduling commitments set forth within the consent agreement between the City and the Ohio Attorney General's Office that addresses the City's wet weather wastewater overflows; for the immediate 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 Director of Public Utilities be, and hereby is, authorized to enter into a contract with Precision Environmental Company, 5500 Old Brecksville Road, Independence, Ohio 44131, for construction of the Southerly Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge Thickening Improvements and Additional Renovations project in accordance with the terms and conditions as shown on the contract on file in the office of the Division of Sewerage and Drainage.

Section 2. That for the purpose of paying the cost of the construction contract, the following expenditure, or as much thereof as may be needed, be and the same is hereby authorized from Division 60-05; Fund 665 as follows:

Project Name | Project # | OBJLVL3 | OCA | Amount

SWWTP Sludge Thickening Improv. & Addt. Renov. | 650359 | 6624 | 665359 | \$3,507,750.00

Section 3. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized 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 are no longer required for said project; except that no transfer shall be made from a project by monies from more than one source.

Section 4. 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 5. That the City Auditor is authorized to establish proper project accounting numbers as appropriate.

Section 6. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure which shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.