



## Legislation Text

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**1. BACKGROUND:** This legislation authorizes the Director of Public Utilities to enter into a professional engineering services agreement with MS Consultants, Inc., for the Sawmill Place Boulevard Area Water Line Improvements Project, in an amount up to \$281,744.87, for Division of Water Contract No. 2257.

The purpose of this project is to construct necessary improvements to the water distribution system in the Sawmill Place Boulevard 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 7,845 linear feet of 6-inch, 8-inch, and 12-inch water lines.

This project is located within the "31 - Far Northwest" community planning area and includes the following streets: Sawmill Place Boulevard, Bent Tree Boulevard, Fairway Court, Evansdale Road, Rowanne Court, Kenny Road, Francisco Place, Francisco Court, Wynwood Court, Widner Court, Pebble Lane, Raymond Court, Kendale Court, Cape Cod Lane, and Dory Lane.

**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 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. 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, "Awarding professional service contracts through requests for proposals." The evaluation criteria for this contract included: 1. understanding of project/project approach, 2. past performance, 3. environmentally preferable consultant, 4. local workforce, and 5. project team.

Six (6) Requests for Proposal (RFP) was received on February 5, 2021 from: MS Consultants, GS-OH, HDR Engineering, PRIME AE Group, Ribway Engineering, and AECOM.

An evaluation committee reviewed the proposal and recommends that the Sawmill Place Boulevard Area Water Line Improvements Project be awarded to ms consultants, inc.

The Contract Compliance Number for MS Consultants, Inc. is 34-6546916 (expires 1/28/22, MAJ) and their DAX Vendor Number is 6998. Additional information regarding all bidders, description of work, contract time frame, and detailed amount 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 ms consultants, inc.

**4. FISCAL IMPACT:** There are sufficient funds within the Water G.O. Bond Fund - Fund No. 6006 for this expenditure.

To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to enter into a professional engineering services agreement with MS Consultants, Inc., for the Sawmill Place Boulevard Area Water Line Improvements Project; for the Division of Water; and to authorize an expenditure up to \$281,744.87 from the Water General Obligations Bond Fund. (\$281,744.87)

**WHEREAS**, six (6) technical proposals for professional engineering services for the Sawmill Place Boulevard Area Water Line Improvements Project was received on February 5, 2021; and

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

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to authorize an expenditure of up to \$281,744.87 within the Water G.O. Bonds Fund, for the Division of Water; 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 with ms consultants, inc., for the Sawmill Place Boulevard Area Water Line Improvements 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 Director of Public Utilities is hereby authorized to enter into a professional engineering services agreement for the Sawmill Place Boulevard Area Water Line Improvements Project with MS Consultants, Inc. (FID #34-6546916), 2221 Schrock Road, Columbus, Ohio 43229-1547; for an expenditure up to \$281,744.87; in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract on file in the Office of the Division of Water.

**SECTION 2.** That the expenditure of \$281,744.87, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 6006 - Water G.O. Bonds Fund, in Object Class 06 - Capital Outlay, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 3.** 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 4.** 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 5.** That the City Auditor is authorized to establish proper project accounting numbers as appropriate.

**SECTION 6.** 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 7.** That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.