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TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract
FROM: Jay T. Pisco, PE
Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation
DATE: December 16, 2014
SUBJECT: Request Authority to Obtain a Proposal and Negotiate a Fee with GHD Consulting Services Inc.,
In connection with Engineering Services for an Alternate Water Supply Evaluation for Southern
Section of the Kensico-Bronx Pipeline, Westchester County Water District No. 1 (#15-904)

Authority of your Honorable Board is requested to obtain a proposal to negotiate a fee in connection with engineering services for an Alternate Water Supply Evaluation for Southern Section of the Kensico-Bronx Pipeline, Westchester County Water District No. 1.

The objective of this project will be to provide an evaluation associated with utilizing Shaft 3 of New York City Water Tunnel No. 2 as an alternate back-up supply for the southern section to the Westchester County Water District No. 1 48-inch diameter Kensico-Bronx pipeline. The southern end of the 48-inch diameter pipeline, which draws water from the New York City Delaware Aqueduct at Shaft 22, supplies 90% of the water to Mount Vernon and 48% of the water to Yonkers. A major break in this pipe would leave the areas affected in each city with no water. This work is necessary to provide the basis for an alternate method to supply the Cities of Mount Vernon and Yonkers with potable water when, and if, the Lower Kensico line is out of service. This agreement will benefit the public as it ensures the residents of Mount Vernon and Yonkers will have the proper water supply in the event the Lower Kensico line is out of service, thereby promoting public health policies and laws.

On October 8, 2014, the Professional Prequalification Board was canvassed for the purpose of generating an eligible list of qualified firms to provide miscellaneous professional services for under \$100,000. The Professional Prequalification Board approved a list of sixteen (16) qualified firms. As the fee is estimated to be less than \$100,000, on November 12, 2014 the Professional Selection Board reviewed this eligible list of qualified firms and selected the best three qualified firms to possibly perform said services. The three firms were:

1. GHD Consulting Services Inc.
One Remington Park Drive
Cazenovia, New York 13035
2. ARCADIS of New York, Inc.
44 South Broadway, 15th Floor
White Plains, New York 10601
3. Camp Dresser McKee & Smith
60 Crossways Park West, Suite 340
Woodbury, New York 11797

After careful consideration, the Professional Selection Board ranked the firm of GHD Consulting Services Inc. as the number one firm suitable for this proposal for these professional services. Authorization to enter into an Agreement will be submitted to your Honorable Board when negotiations are satisfactorily completed. This selection process followed the requirements as outlined in the Rules of the Professional Prequalification and Selection Boards and the Laws of Westchester County.

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This matter has been reviewed by the Deputy County Executive and the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Facilities, and they are in concurrence.

I recommend adoption of the attached proposed Resolution.

JTP/LR/AS

RESOLUTION

Upon communication from the Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation, be it:

RESOLVED, that with the concurrence of the Professional Selection Board, approval is hereby granted to obtain a proposal and to negotiate a fee with GHD Consulting Services Inc., One Remington Park Drive, Cazenovia, New York 13035, for engineering services for an Alternate Water Supply Evaluation for Southern Section of the Kensico-Bronx Pipeline, Westchester County Water District No. 1.

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Account to be Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Bond Act No.	Dollars
241	60	5110-5110	4420-WAFS	N/A	

Budget Funding Year(s): 2015 Start Date: N/A End Date: N/A
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source: Tax Dollars: 100% County Contractor Federal I.D. No./
 State Aid: _____ Social Security No.: _____
 \$ _____ Federal Aid: _____ Vendor No.: _____
 (must match resolution) Other: _____ Encumbrance No.: _____