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TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract
FROM: Hugh J. Greechan, Jr., PE
Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation
DATE: June 28, 2022
SUBJECT: Request Authority to Obtain a Proposal and Negotiate a Fee with LiRo Engineers, Inc., in connection with Engineering Services for Playland Pumping Station Rehabilitation, Blind Brook Sewer District, Rye, New York (#22-925)

Authority of your Honorable Board is requested to obtain a proposal and to negotiate a fee in connection with engineering services for Playland Pumping Station Rehabilitation, Blind Brook Sewer District, Rye, New York.

The objective of this project is to provide professional engineering services associated with Playland Pumping Station Rehabilitation. The Westchester County Department of Environmental Facilities (“DEF”) recently notified the Department of Public Works and Transportation (“DPW&T”) that the Playland Pumping Station requires rehabilitation. This raised a concern with both DPW&T and the County Parks Department as ongoing Capital Improvement Projects at Playland Park will be affected.

The Playland Pumping Station, located in Playland Park in the City of Rye, is owned and operated by DEF. The facility was originally constructed in 1967 by the County of Westchester and was last rehabilitated in 2000. The average daily flow to the pumping station in 2021 was 370,000 gallons per day. The station discharges to the Blind Brook Water Resource Recovery Facility through County-owned sewers.

All of the current Capital Improvement Projects at Playland Park are contractually required under the recently amended Management Agreement with Standard Amusements. Within this Management Agreement, the construction time frames and completion dates of each project are stipulated. The specific Playland project that is of concern is the rehabilitation of the park’s Main Parking Lot. The Playland Pumping Station is located at the north end of the Main Parking Lot and the required upgrades to the Pumping Station will require, among other things, new utilities to be run beneath the parking lot. The Management Agreement requires that the parking lot construction commence in the fall of 2023 and be fully completed by the Park’s opening day in early May of 2024. It is desired that the Pumping Station project follow a similar schedule.

Failure to undertake this project may result in a breach of the Management Agreement potentially resulting in significant financial penalties. This agreement will benefit the public as it enables the County to conduct its basic mission of providing proper sanitary sewage collection, thereby promoting public health policies and laws. Time is of the essence in order to achieve compliance with the Management Agreement as quickly as possible to minimize or avoid financial penalties.

Due to the urgency of this project, the Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation requested that the accelerated consultant procurement procedure be followed to retain a consultant to provide the necessary engineering services for Playland Pumping Station Rehabilitation. In accordance with the Accelerated Qualification and Selection Procedure as outlined in the Rules of the Professional Prequalification and Selections Boards (Act 144-1996, §3D), on June 23, 2022, a statement outlining the aforementioned reason requiring the accelerated procedure, the qualifications of the proposed firm and the scope of work for Playland Pumping Station Rehabilitation was submitted to the Chair of the Professional Prequalification Board.

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The Chair of the Professional Prequalification Board on June 23, 2022, agreed that the accelerated consultant procurement procedure was warranted. Subsequently, these items were reviewed and approved by the Chair of the Professional Selection Board on June 24, 2022, and the firm was selected to perform said services. The firm is:

LiRo Engineers, Inc.
3 Aerial Way
Syosset, New York 11791

The above-mentioned firm has the expertise on similar projects, technical knowledge, staffing and is the best-qualified firm to accomplish this project in the timeframe allowed.

LiRo Engineers, Inc. (“Consultant”) is an engineering firm with significant experience in architectural, mechanical and wastewater facility improvement projects. Additionally, the Consultant is currently performing all design and construction administration services at Playland Park including coordinating all activities with the County’s management company, Standard Amusements.

It should be noted that this resolution only seeks authority to obtain a proposal and to negotiate a fee in connection with engineering services for the aforementioned work in order to fully inform your Honorable Board of the expected consultant agreement. This resolution contains the following conditions that ensure compliance with the requirement that the currently unfunded portion of this contract be subject to future bonding approval by the Board of Legislators (“BOL”).

The Law Department is presently preparing legislation to authorize funding for this capital project. Authorization to enter into an agreement will be submitted to your Honorable Board for approval after the bonding authorization has been approved by the BOL and after satisfactory completion of negotiations with the consultant. No agreement will be executed until all applicable approvals have been received.

I recommend adoption of the attached proposed Resolution.

HJG/LR/as

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that approval is hereby granted to obtain a proposal and to negotiate a fee with LiRo Engineers, Inc., 3 Aerial Way, Syosset, New York 11791, for engineering services for Playland Pumping Station Rehabilitation, Blind Brook Sewer District, Rye, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the engineering services associated with this project are subject to future bonding approval by the Board of Legislators.

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Account to be Charged/Credited	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Bond Act No.	Dollars
	322	60	SBB95-01-E	6120-03	<i>TBD – Pending Future Bonding Authorization</i>	
	322	60	SBB95-01-I	6120-05	<i>TBD – Pending Future Bonding Authorization</i>	

Budget Funding Year(s): 2022 Start Date: N/A End Date: N/A
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source: Tax Dollars: 100% County Contractor Federal I.D. No./ Social Security No.: _____
 State Aid: _____
 Federal Aid: _____ Vendor No.: _____
 Other: _____ Encumbrance No.: _____