

RESOLUTION NO. 6150

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING FINDINGS SUPPORTING THE DIRECT APPOINTMENT OF CH2M HILL ENGINEERS TO PROVIDE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR WWTP-13-01, WRF SOLIDS PROCESSING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

WHEREAS, ORS 279C.115 AND OAR 137-048-0200 (1)(d) allows for the direct appointment of consulting engineers; and

WHEREAS, OAR 137-048-0200 (1)(d) requires that the City makes findings that entering into a direct contract with a consultant will promote efficient use of public funds and resources and result in substantial cost savings to the Contracting Agency; and protect the integrity of the Public Contracting process and the competitive nature of the Procurement by not encouraging favoritism or substantially diminishing competition; and

WHEREAS, CH2M Hill Engineers was previously selected to provide design engineering and services during construction for the improvements to the City of Albany's Water Reclamation Facility (WRF); and

WHEREAS, the selection of CH2M Hill Engineers to complete design and services during construction was completed using the formal selection procedures under OAR 137-048-0220; and

WHEREAS, the City is spending approximately \$50,000 monthly on sludge handling, hauling, and disposal; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that using the competitive selection process to secure the services of a consulting engineer would take three (3) months; and

WHEREAS, the design work and services during construction that CH2M Hill Engineers completed at the WRF gives CH2M Hill Engineers a unique understanding of the existing WRF that no other consulting engineer possesses; and

WHEREAS, CH2M Hill Engineers has continued to be actively engaged with the City for the past three years in an effort to realize the anticipated performance of the solid processing system at the WRF; and

WHEREAS, CH2M Hill Engineers has completed significant detailed analysis of existing conditions, operations, functions, and needs and has a unique understanding of the solids processing at the WRF; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that it would require two (2) months for any other consulting engineer to obtain the background and knowledge that CH2M Hill Engineers already has regarding the solids processing performance at the WRF; and

WHEREAS, adding five (5) months to the consultant process would cost the City an estimated \$250,000 in sludge disposal costs; and

WHEREAS, this exemption is for a single project requiring a high level of design, process, and performance knowledge regarding the WRF, and granting the exemption will not provide a basis for other similar exemptions or any pattern of exemptions; and

WHEREAS, the City published a public notice on July 25, 2012, and held a public hearing on August 8, 2012, before adoption of these Findings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that each of the recitals set forth above are hereby adopted as Findings of fact; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Albany City Council, acting as the Local Contract Review Board finds that directly appointing CH2M Hill Engineers to provide the design and engineering services during construction will promote efficient use of public funds and resources and result in substantial cost savings to the City; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Albany City Council, acting as the Local Contract Review Board finds that directly appointing CH2M Hill Engineers to provide the design and engineering services during construction will protect the integrity of the Public Contracting process and the competitive nature of the procurement by not encouraging favoritism or substantially diminishing completion in the award of the contract.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE THIS 8TH DAY OF AUGUST 2012.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

