



**PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD MEETING
AGENDA ITEM
REGULAR MEETING**

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

SUBJECT

Professional Engineering Services Contract for the Haskell R. Street Wastewater Treatment Plant Grit System Improvements

BACKGROUND

The Haskell R. Street Wastewater Treatment Plant is the oldest wastewater facility in El Paso - built in 1923 and has undergone several expansions and modifications. Major modifications to the existing aerated grit system were completed in 1995, and a series of odor control improvements began in 2015. The existing grit system has been difficult to maintain and operate for the last five years and is currently not in use. A 60-inch bypass is currently under construction to bypass the grit removal system along with preparation for future grit system connection. The grit system needs to be rehabilitated or replaced to provide grit removal for the entire facility. A structural assessment of the grit facility is currently underway.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES SUPPORTED

Improve Infrastructure

EVALUATION PROCESS

The Architectural/Engineering Selection Advisory Committee met on November 4, 2020 to review and recommend selection of the engineering firms for these services. The committee consisted of Ivonne Santiago, Terri Garcia, Bryan Morris, Alan Shubert, Marcela Navarrete, Paul Rivas, and Gilbert Trejo. Proposals were scored in the areas of project approach, minimum qualifications, proposed project team, past project experience, firm availability, and project references. Garver, LLC. was selected as the firm that best meets the needs of the Utility for these important services and demonstrated excellent abilities in all evaluated categories, therefore, is the most qualified.

Project Management worked with Garver, LLC. to develop the scope of services required for this project after the selection. A fee proposal associated with the scope of services was submitted, reviewed, and negotiated with the Consultant for the defined scope of work. The negotiated fees are in line with the level of effort required to complete the task and consistent with similar work completed recently.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Sufficient funds are available in Account Number 2902, and the funding source is the Commercial Paper Fund.

PROPOSED ACTION REQUESTED

Consider and award a professional Engineering Services Contract for the Haskell R. Street Wastewater Treatment Plant Grit System Improvements to Garver, LLC. for preliminary engineering services in the amount of \$249,347; authorize future task orders to be issued under this contract for preliminary design services in an estimated amount of \$200,000, provided that funding is available in the approved budget and authorize the use of commercial paper.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED

- None