



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

**Wednesday, November 09, 2022**

**SUBJECT**

Engineering Selection for Fort Bliss Resiliency Study for Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Infrastructure – RFS 114-22

**BACKGROUND**

EPWater was awarded a grant from the Department of Defense to perform a Military Installation Resilience Study. The period of performance of this grant is 12 months beginning in September 2022. The purpose of the grant is to conduct a study of water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure of the region that hosts Fort Bliss. An ancillary purpose is to study the energy infrastructure related to water infrastructure functions, such as the energy supplies for pumping stations, treatment plants, and backup energy supplies. This contract is for the professional services to develop the “Fort Bliss Regional Resilience Report,” which will identify a prioritized list of water and energy-related projects, actions, and funding plans for the design and construction of the proposed projects.

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES SUPPORTED**

Improve Infrastructure

**EVALUATION PROCESS**

EPWater received four Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) on October 24, 2022. The Architectural/Engineering Selection Advisory Committee evaluated the SOQ on October 28, 2022, to review and recommend the selection of the engineering firm for these services. The committee consisted of Bryan Morris, Charlie Intebi, Marcela Navarrete, Paul Rivas, Irazema Rojas, Gisela Dagnino and Felipe Lopez. The proposals were scored in the areas of project approach, meeting minimum qualifications, proposed project team, past project experience, firm availability, and project references. The committee selected Michael Baker International, Inc. as the highest-ranked to provide the services needed for this project.

Staff worked with Michael Baker International, Inc. to develop the scope of services required for this project. 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 align with the level of effort required to complete the task and are consistent with similar work completed recently.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Sufficient funds are available in Account Number 3838, and the funding source is the Water and Sewer Fund.

**PROPOSED ACTION REQUESTED**

Consider and award a professional engineering services contract to Michael Baker International, Inc. for the Fort Bliss Resiliency Study for Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Infrastructure – RFS 114-22 project in the amount of \$743,750.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED**

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