



Contract Solicitation – Departmental Waiver Kansas City Code Sec. 3-7¹

Date: January 20, 2023
To: Wes Minder, Director of Water Services
From: Courtney Hawkins, Project Manager
Subject: Contract/Project Title: Wornall Road Bridge Over Indian Creek
Contract/Project No.: 464/82000367

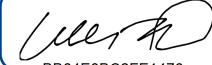
It is recommended that in accordance with Code Sec. 3-7(a)(1), the solicitation requirements of Code Sec. 3-3 be waived and that approval be granted to enter into a contract with She Digs It, LLC to provide emergency construction services. The estimated construction contract amount is \$470,000 and meets the dollar limitations threshold of \$160,000.00 or less for non-construction contracts and non-emergency construction contracts and \$1,000,000.00 or less for emergency construction contracts.

The factors supporting this recommendation are as follows.

The Wornall Road Bridge does not have sufficient clearance between the bottom of the bridge beams to the existing ground elevation. Due to the Indian Creek Trail underneath the bridge, there exists the potential for people to be impacted with the historical recurrent flash flooding along Indian Creek and 103rd Street. The nature of the bridge also causes sedimentation and debris accumulation on the trail which reduces the reliability of the trail and user experience. The proposed improvement will remove earth to a depth of rock which will increase clearances and allow for reduced life safety incidences underneath the bridge. She Digs It, LLC has completed emergency repairs to water utility infrastructure in the area and is familiar with the site and City's underground utilities under the bridge and can complete the improvement before the spring flooding season.

There exists a potential imminent threat to life, health, property, or essential operations of the City because of the hydraulic restriction underneath the bridge and downstream erosion. Work needs to be completed prior to spring rains.

Approved: ²

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Wes Minder, Director of Water Services

¹ Unless otherwise prohibited by federal or state law, contract or grant terms, or the city manager, the director of the contracting department and the manager of procurement services are authorized to waive the solicitation requirements for any contract with an estimated cost of \$160,000.00 or less.

² No contract awarded pursuant to this Sec. 3-7(a)(1) shall be amended or changed in a manner that would increase the city's maximum financial obligation by more than ten percent (10%) except upon the written approval of the city manager, nor shall a new contract be awarded to the same person or firm for the same project for which the original contract was awarded pursuant to such a waiver except upon public solicitation in compliance with Sec. 3-3 or a waiver granted pursuant to Section 3-35.