City of Kansas City, Missouri

Docket Memo

Ordinance/Resolution #: 250846
Submitted Department/Preparer: Water
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Docket memos are required on all ordinances initiated by a Department Director. More information can be found in Administrative Regulation (AR) 4-1.

Executive Summary

Authorizing a $2,350,000.00 design professional services contract with Carollo Engineers, Inc., for the High Rate Treatment: Blue River Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Project; and recognizing this ordinance as having an accelerated effective date.

Discussion

Reason for Contract

In 2010, the City of Kansas City, Missouri entered into a Consent Decree with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to reduce the volume and frequency of overflows from the City's sewer system. The City's Smart Sewer Program is currently in year 15 of a 30-year implementation period. The purpose of this project is to reduce combined sewer overflows into the Blue River by constructing a high-rate treatment facility at the Blue River Wastewater Treatment Plant primary treatment site to be operated during wet-weather events.

Design Contract Description

The scope of work to be provided under the design contract includes conceptual design of the high-rate treatment facility, regulatory assistance with permitting and approval of the treatment system addition, and assistance to the City during procurement of a design-build construction contract and application for a State Revolving Fund loan. This design professional services contract is a continuation of the Blue River Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility Plan and Improvements Design Contract No. 1677 that included provisions for three contract years (base year plus two follow-on years).

Term

The term of the design professional services project will be 365 calendar days.

MBE/WBE Goals
CREO KC established goals of 11% MBE and 11% WBE on the design professional services Contract No. 1779 on August 25, 2025.

Solicitation
The Request for Proposals/Qualifications for the Blue River WWTP Facility Plan and Improvements Design project (Contract No. 1677) were advertised in accordance with the City's requirements. Two proposals were received on January 27, 2023.

Consultant Selection/Subcontracting Participation
Carollo Engineers, Inc. was selected for this project in accordance with Code of Ordinance Section 3-31(b)(1), Citywide selection, with subcontracting participation of 14% MBE and 14% WBE.

A Citywide selection committee met on March 22, 2023, and consisted of the following individuals:

- Eric Bunch, Councilperson for Council District 4
- Morgan Holecek, City Manager's Office
- Wes Minder, P.E., Director of Water Services

Fiscal Impact

1. Is this legislation included in the adopted budget? ☒ Yes ☐ No

2. What is the funding source?
   AL-8194-807769-611040-81001048 = $2,350,000.00
   Sewer Rev Bond Series 2024A - SSP High-Rate Wastewater Treatment (WWTP) Project

3. How does the legislation affect the current fiscal year?
   Work on this project will begin in the current fiscal year and extend into FY27. Invoices will be submitted by the Design Professional on a monthly basis after design begins.

4. Does the legislation have a fiscal impact in future fiscal years? Please notate the difference between one-time and recurring costs.
   Funds encumbered in the current fiscal year will be disbursed over subsequent fiscal years as design work on the project is anticipated to be complete within 365 calendar days from when work begins.

5. Does the legislation generate revenue, leverage outside funding, or deliver a return on investment?
   No

Office of Management and Budget Review
(OMB Staff will complete this section.)

1. This legislation is supported by the general fund. ☐ Yes ☒ No
2. This fund has a structural imbalance. ☐ Yes ☒ No
3. Account string has been verified/confirmed. ☒ Yes ☐ No

Additional Discussion (if needed)
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Citywide Business Plan (CWBP) Impact

1. View the Adopted 2025-2029 Citywide Business Plan
2. Which CWBP goal is most impacted by this legislation?
   Infrastructure and Accessibility (Press tab after selecting.)
3. Which objectives are impacted by this legislation (select all that apply):

   ☐ Engage in thoughtful planning and redesign of existing road networks to ensure safety, access, and mobility of users of all ages and abilities.
   ☐ Enhance the City's connectivity, resiliency, and equity through a better-connected multi-modal transportation system for all users.
   ☐ Build on existing strengths while developing a comprehensive transportation plan for the future.
   ☒ Develop environmentally sustainable infrastructure strategies that improve quality of life and foster economic growth.
   ☒ Ensure adequate resources are provided for continued maintenance of existing infrastructure.
   ☐ Focus on delivery of safe connections to schools.

Prior Legislation

City Council passed Ordinance No. 230560 on July 13, 2023, authorizing a $3,430,000.00 design professional services Contract No. 1677 with Carollo Engineers, Inc., for the Blue River Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility Plan and Improvements Design project.

Ordinance No. 240804 was subsequently passed on September 19, 2024, authorizing a $3,999,932.00 Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 1677.

Service Level Impacts

This high-rate treatment facility will increase the hydraulic capacity at the Blue River WWTP to treat wet-weather flows and will reduce combined sewer overflow volume being discharged to the Blue River thereby protecting public health and the environment.

Other Impacts

1. What will be the potential health impacts to any affected groups?
   The project will protect public health and the environment by reducing combined sewer overflows and improving the water quality of the City's waterways.

2. How have those groups been engaged and involved in the development of this ordinance?
   This project area is in a neighborhood that is primarily industrial and will be entirely within the boundaries of the existing wastewater treatment plant which is surrounded by City-owned parcels and parcels belonging to the Missouri Pacific Railroad.

3. How does this legislation contribute to a sustainable Kansas City?
   This project helps promote environmental quality, social equity, and economic vitality.

4. Does this legislation create or preserve new housing units?
   No (Press tab after selecting)

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5. Department staff certifies the submission of any application Affirmative Action Plans or Certificates of Compliance, Contractor Utilization Plans (CUPs), and Letters of Intent to Subcontract (LOIs) to CREO prior to, or simultaneously with, the legislation entry request in Legistar.

   Yes - I have submitted documents for CREO Review (Press tab after selecting)
   Please attach or copy and paste CREO's review.
   The Contractor Utilization Plan was submitted to CREO KC for review on September 10, 2025, and was approved September 11, 2025 with 11% MBE and 11% WBE participation.

6. Does this legislation seek to approve a contract resulting from an Invitation for Bid?

   No(Press tab after selecting)

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7. Does this legislation seek to approve a contract resulting from a Request for Proposal/Qualification (RFP/Q)?
   No(Press tab after selecting)