



Commission Meeting

September 5, 2023

Augusta Canal – 2024 4th Part 12D Independent Consultant Safety Inspection Contract – Sole Source

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| Department: | Augusta Utilities Department |
| Presenter: | Wes Byne |
| Caption: | Motion to approve sole source contract with Kleinschmidt Associates to provide the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's mandated Part 12D Independent Consultant Safety Inspection of the Augusta Canal in the amount of \$85,000. (Approved by Engineering Services Committee August 29, 2023) |
| Background: | The Augusta Canal falls under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). FERC regulations require that every 5 years a Part 12D Independent Consultant Safety Inspection be performed on the Canal. FERC regulations also state the same consulting firm cannot conduct more than two consecutive Part 12D inspections. In 2019, a contract with Kleinschmidt Associates was approved by the Commission for conducting the 3 rd Part 12D Inspection. This was the first time Kleinschmidt was used for this service and they performed the task well. AUD respectfully requests that Kleinschmidt once again be allowed to provide this service for the upcoming 2024 4 th Part 12D inspection. |
| Analysis: | Approval of this contract will allow the City of Augusta to remain in compliance with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regulations regarding Dam Safety of the Augusta Canal. |
| Financial Impact: | We have reviewed the proposal from Kleinschmidt Associates and find it to be fair and reasonable. Funding in the amount of \$85,000.00 is available from accounts: G/L 514043410-5212115 - J/L 82300020-5212115. |
| Alternatives: | No alternatives are recommended. |
| Recommendation: | Recommend approval of this contract with Kleinschmidt Associates for \$85,000.00 |
| Funds are available in the following accounts: | Funds are available in account G/L 514043410-5212115 - J/L 82300020-5212115. |
| <u>REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:</u> | N/A |