

## **Commission Meeting**

March 19, 2024

Approve Lead and Copper Rule Revision Water Service Line Inventory Development Contract for AUD to HDR Engineering, Inc. (RFP #24-150)

**Utilities Department:** 

**Presenter:** Michael J Bryant

Motion to **approve** Lead and Copper Rule Revision Water Service Line **Caption:** 

> Inventory Development Contract for AUD to HDR Engineering, Inc. (RFP #24-150) (Approved by Engineering Services Committee March 12,

2024)

**Background:** Augusta Utilities is seeking approval to enter into a contract with HDR

> Engineering, Inc. to perform all tasks related to the Augusta Utilities Department's initial water service line inventory, in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Lead and Copper Rule Revision, ahead of the compliance deadline of October 16, 2024 based on RFP #24-150. In 2021, the EPA issued significant revisions to the Lead and Copper Rule, called the Lead and Copper Rule Revision (LCRR). Included in this revision

is the requirement that water providers must develop a publicly available service line inventory to identify the materials of each service line, on both

the water provider-owned and customer-owned side. The Georgia

Environmental Protection Division (GA EPD) is the state primacy agency for

EPA in Georgia and will be responsible for receiving and verifying compliance with the LCRR. AUD provides drinking water to approximately 75,000 service connections. AUD owns the water service line between the water distribution main and the water meter or property line boundary. The customer owns the water service line from the property line/water line into the premise. AUD is diligently working on reviewing historical records to identify the materials of these service lines; however, it is anticipated that a large portion of service line materials will still be unknown after this effort.

AUD is seeking support from HDR Engineering, Inc to assist in field verification and predictive modeling to minimize the number of unknown

materials in the service line inventory.

The requested services were sent out as an RFP per regulations of the Augusta Procurement Code. Three (3) companies responded. The evaluation committee reviewed and evaluated all proposal and recommended

**Analysis:** 

the award to HDR Engineering. The Department concurred with the evaluation committee recommendation.

**Financial Impact:** \$280,000.00

**Alternatives:** None

**Recommendation:** Approve

Funds are available in G/L 514043410-5212115

the following accounts:  $\ensuremath{\,\mathrm{J/L}}\xspace 82400010\mbox{-}5212115$ 

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