

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Laboratory Services Contract for Engineering
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve a five-year contract with Columbus Water Works (Columbus, GA), a component unit of Columbus Consolidated Government, for the provision of laboratory services, for the estimated annual contract amount of \$8,844.00.

The term of the contract shall be for five (5) years.

The Storm Water Management Division is requesting a five-year contract for the following reasons:

- Columbus Water Works (CWW) Lab is a local laboratory and is familiar with CCG sample handling, testing and reporting requirements.
- CWW is able to perform rapid sample analysis and is extremely cost competitive with other analytical laboratories. They are a regional testing lab for other municipalities.
- CWW is able to perform specialized tests on request, and they have an excellent relationship with CCG personnel.
- The City's NPDES Stormwater Discharge Permit requires the analysis of physical and chemical parameters of our stormwater runoff and surface water. The Columbus Water Works Laboratory is the only certified laboratory in the area that can perform these analyses within the timetables required by the Permit.
- The Columbus Water Works Laboratory has provided timely and cost-effective service to CCG throughout the former contract period and works closely with CCG staff to ensure compliance with State and Federal requirements.
- The laboratory was conceived to provide this type of data for Columbus Water Works. Additionally, the laboratory has tried to meet the needs of the surrounding communities, as well as, for the City's environmental research and operations.
- The Columbus Water Works Laboratory has provided analyses for the following parameters: Physical, Biological and Chemical.

Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this on-going expense: Sewer Fund – Engineering – Stormwater – Contractual Services; 0202-250-2600-STRM-6319.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT FOR LABORATORY SERVICES WITH COLUMBUS WATER WORKS (COLUMBUS, GA), A COMPONENT UNIT OF COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT, FOR THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$8,844.00.

WHEREAS, the Engineering Storm Water Management Division is requesting a five-year contract for the following reasons:

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NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to execute a five-year contract for laboratory services with Columbus Water Works (Columbus, GA), component unit of Columbus Consolidated Government, for the estimated annual contract amount of \$8,844.00. Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: Sewer Fund - Engineering - Stormwater – Contractual Services; 0202-250-2600-STRM-6319.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the ____ day of _____, 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Barnes	voting _____
Councilor Chambers	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Cook	voting _____

Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor