



STAFF REPORT
City of Dripping Springs
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Submitted By: Ginger Faught, Deputy City Administrator

Council Meeting Date: February 3, 2026

Agenda Item Wording: Discussion and possible action to award RFQ No. 2025-18 for Bond Counsel to provide assistance with respect to possible loan and/or principal forgiveness funding through the Texas Water Development Board and to provide objective legal advice with respect to the validity of any evidences of indebtedness issued by the City for capital financing, to McCall Parkhurst & Horton LLP, and authorize the City Administrator to negotiate an agreement with the selected respondent subject to approval by City Council.

Agenda Item Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.

Summary/Background: On November 21, 2025, the City issued a request for proposals and statements of qualifications for bond counsel to provide assistance with respect to possible loan and/or principal forgiveness funding through the Texas Water Development Board (the "TWDB") and to provide objective legal opinion with respect to the validity of any evidences of indebtedness issued by the City for capital financing. The solicitation period closed on December 15, 2025.

This solicitation is intended to cover any financial assistance received by the City from the TWDB following the date of award including financial assistance from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, Clean Water State Revolving Fund, Development Fund, Rural Water Assistance Fund, Flood Infrastructure Fund, Economically Distressed Areas Program, or any other financial assistance program administered by the TWDB.

The following criteria were used as the basis for the selection of Bond Counsel:

EXPERIENCE OF PERSONNEL:30 POINTS

- To assess the background and experience of the personnel in working with Texas political subdivisions.

TEAM MEMBERS:25 POINTS

- To identify the personnel the firm proposes to commit on a day-to-day basis and evaluate the specific qualifications of these individuals.

REFERENCES: 15 POINTS

- To demonstrate client satisfaction and the candidate’s familiarity with public securities issues sold to the TWDB.

TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD FINANCING PROGRAM:
30 POINTS

- To provide a preference to firms with experience using the TWDB’s financing programs.

Following an assessment of the two responses received by a four person evaluation committee, staff recommend awarding the bond counsel contract to McCall Parkhurst & Horton LLP.

**Commission
Recommendations:**

N/A

**Recommended
Council Actions:**

Award RFQ No. 2025-18 for Bond Counsel to provide assistance with respect to possible loan and/or principal forgiveness funding through the Texas Water Development Board and to provide objective legal advice with respect to the validity of any evidences of indebtedness issued by the City for capital financing, to McCall Parkhurst & Horton LLP, and authorize the City Administrator to negotiate an agreement with the selected respondent subject to approval by City Council

Attachments:

Response tabulation sheet
RFQ 2025-18 – Bond Counsel
RFQ 2025-18 – Addendum #1