

Staff Report

Subject: Award Engineering Design contract for Savannah Portside International Park water line
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Department: Engineering
Meeting Date: June 7, 2022
Item Description: Approve an engineering consultant contract to design a water line to serve the Savannah Portside International Park (SPIP), located on Old River Road.

Summary Recommendation:

The County and the Effingham County Industrial Development Authority, (ECIDA) desire to provide an alternative water supply to the park. The project involves extension of the County's current water lines on SR 17 and SR 30 in a southerly direction to the SPIP site. Hussey, Gay, Bell has submitted a proposal for the design in the amount of \$219,100.00

Executive Summary/Background:

- Although SPIP is served with water via a well and tank, the volume of water available limits the type of industry that can locate within the park. With the future potential growth expected in the region, a larger daily volume of water is required to serve the site to its highest and best use.
- Hussy, Gay, Bell is an IDC consultant for the County. They are currently designing Water Line Loop B, which brings water to the SR30 water line. Given the familiarity with the system in this area, HGB was asked to propose on this project.
- HGB voluntarily recruited partners to co-fund an aerial survey flight for this project and other ECIDA and County CIP projects to reduce cost. The TSPLOST project for Goshen Road widening will have survey work done under this project. (\$10,000). This does not commit the County to awarding Goshen Road design work to HGB in the future.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider

- 1 - Approve the engineering design contract to Hussy, Gay, and Bell in the amount of \$219,100.00 for the SPIP water line extension project.
- 2 – Take no action. Request additional bids and/or changes to the proposal
- 3 - Deny

Recommended Alternative: Alternative 1

Other Alternatives: Alternative 2

Department Review: Engineering, Finance

Funding Source: SPLOST, TSPLOST (\$10,000)

Attachments: 1. HGB proposal and site map