

Staff Report

Subject: Contract Amendment No.1 for GMC Engineering Services- Effingham County Regional Water Supply Project

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Department: Procurement, Engineering

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Item Description: Consideration to approve Amendment No. 1 to the engineering services agreement with Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC (GMC) for easement acquisition services associated with the Effingham County Regional Water Supply Project.

Summary Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of Amendment No. 1 to the engineering services agreement with Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC (GMC) in the amount of \$380,200 for easement acquisition services for the Effingham County Regional Water Supply Project.

Executive Summary / Background:

As the project continues to move forward, additional services are needed to acquire easements for approximately 57 parcels required for construction of the Regional Water Supply Project. While the County typically hires a separate right-of-way firm for this type of work, GMC has already begun portions of the easement acquisition process as part of their existing services. To keep the project moving efficiently and avoid unnecessary delays, staff recommends allowing GMC to continue this work and coordinate directly with their subconsultant, THC, for right-of-way acquisition services.

This amendment expands GMC's scope to include services such as property value estimates, negotiations with property owners, appraisals (as needed), and preparation of legal documents and offer packages.

These efforts are necessary to secure the required property rights and keep the project on schedule. The total cost for these additional services is \$380,200 and is based on a combination of lump sum and per-parcel fees, including negotiation, appraisal, legal documentation, and project management.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider:

1. Approve Amendment No. 1 to Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC.
2. Do not approve the award.
3. Provide staff with direction.

Recommended Alternative: 1

Other Alternatives: 2, 3

Department Review: Procurement, Engineering

Funding Source: Capital Improvement Budget

Attachments: Amendment No.1