

Staff Report

Subject: Approval of Award for Construction Materials Testing and Special Inspection Services — Effingham WWTP Expansion Project

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Department: Project Management, Procurement

Meeting Date: May 6th, 2025

Item Description: Consideration to approve a contract to ECS Southeast, LLC for construction materials testing and special inspection services for the 2.0 MGD Effingham County Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion.

Summary Recommendation: Effingham County issued a request for proposals for construction materials testing and special inspections associated with the Effingham County Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Expansion Project.

Four proposals were received:

- **ECS Southeast, LLC** — \$312,630.00
- **WSP USA Environmental & Infrastructure, Inc.** — \$320,122.00
- **Whitaker Laboratory, Inc.** — \$354,040.00
- **Terracon Consultant, Inc.** — \$390,353.00

Following evaluation, **ECS Southeast, LLC** was determined to be the lowest responsive and responsible proposer. Their scope includes all required special inspections per Chapter 17 of the International Building Code, including earthwork, deep foundations, shallow foundations, cast-in-place concrete, masonry, structural steel, and paving inspections.

The County's consultant, Hussey Gay Bell, has reviewed the proposals and recommends award to ECS Southeast, LLC. ECS demonstrated experience in similar municipal projects and provides added efficiencies with electronic reporting and field-to-office communications.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider

1. Approve award to ECS Southeast, LLC for the base amount of \$288,410.00 and optional SWPPP services for \$24,220.00.
2. Do not approve and provide staff with further direction.

Recommended Alternative: 1

Other Alternatives: 2

Department Review: Project Management, Procurement

Funding Source: Grant Funds

Attachments: Road list, Evaluation, Construction Contract