



Folsom City Council Staff Report

MEETING DATE:	10/28/2025
AGENDA SECTION:	Consent Calendar
SUBJECT:	Resolution No. 11489 – A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Design and Engineering Consultant Services Agreement with Bennett Engineering Services, Inc. for the Central Business District Storm Drain Realignment Project Phase 1 in the amount of \$142,924 from the SB1 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Fund (Fund 235), and Appropriation of Funds
FROM:	Public Works Department

RECOMMENDATION / CITY COUNCIL ACTION

The Public Works Department recommends that the City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 11489 – A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Design and Engineering Consultant Services Agreement with Bennett Engineering Services, Inc. for the Central Business District Storm Drain Realignment Project Phase 1 in the amount of \$142,924 from the SB1 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Fund (Fund 235), and Appropriation of Funds.

BACKGROUND / ISSUE

In May 2023, City Council approved Resolution No. 11034, which authorized the Public Works Department to contract with R.E.Y. Engineers, Inc. to conduct a drainage and hydraulic analysis of the East Bidwell Street Corridor from Coloma Street to Orchard Street. The hydraulic analysis was grant funded and was done in coordination with the Central Business District Master Plan, in part to identify deficiencies and recommended improvements in the storm drain system within or adjacent to the East Bidwell Street Corridor.

One of the identified deficiencies was the existing storm drain main line that crosses East Bidwell Street north to south coming from Market Street and continuing south across private property on 511 East Bidwell Street (Folsom Lake Bowl), 414 Glenn Drive (Folsom Glenn Car Wash), and 1015 Riley Street (United States Postal Service) before reentering the public right of way on Glenn Drive. The storm drain in this area is not located within existing drainage easements, and it has

limited access and substandard drainage structures that impact staff's ability to maintain the system. Additionally, there has been flooding on private property during larger storm events attributed to this existing storm drainage system. As a result of these various factors, the East Bidwell Corridor Hydraulic Analysis recommended realigning the storm drain line that crosses 511 East Bidwell Street into the public right of way or into a dedicated drainage easement along the exterior edge of the property.

Staff developed preliminary layouts and cost estimates for realigning the storm drain. Due to the number of drainage structures on private property that will need to be maintained in any realignment, and the higher cost and construction and traffic impacts associated with realigning onto the public right of way along East Bidwell Street and Glenn Drive, staff is recommending proceeding with this phase 1 realignment within a dedicated drainage easement located on 511 East Bidwell Street. Future phases will address and rectify storm drainage easements of other existing lines on private property as necessary.

POLICY / RULE

Section 2.36.120 of the Folsom Municipal Code states, in part, that contracts for supplies, equipment, services, and construction with an estimated value of \$75,049 or greater shall be awarded by the City Council.

In accordance with California Government Code Section 4526, selection by a state or local agency head for professional services of private architectural, landscape architectural, engineering, environmental, land surveying, or construction project management firms shall be on the basis of demonstrated competence and on the professional qualifications necessary for the satisfactory performance of the services required.

ANALYSIS

Staff prepared and released a request for proposals in alignment with a qualification-based selection process and solicited proposals from three firms on the Environmental and Water Resources Department's short list of engineering design firms. A review panel consisting of Public Works Department engineering staff separately evaluated and scored the received proposals based on criteria including relevant experience, qualifications of the proposed team, understanding of the project scope, and approach to the work. The methods of analysis are consistent with Chapter 10 of the Caltrans Local Assistance Project Manual requirements for consultant selection.

Bennett Engineering Services, Inc. received the highest overall score. Their proposal demonstrated superior qualifications, extensive experience, and a well-rounded team with strong technical expertise and past performance on similar projects.

<u>Firm Name</u>	<u>Total Average Score</u>
Bennett Engineering Services, Inc.	89
Domenichelli and Associates, Inc.	78
Verdantas	73

Upon selection of Bennett Engineering Services, Inc. as the highest ranked proposer, staff opened and reviewed their cost proposal fee, which was originally identified as \$208,471 for the proposed services. As part of the contract award process, the city engaged in scope and fee negotiations with the consultant and identified potential cost savings within the fee proposal and scope of work. As a result, staff recommends awarding the contract to Bennett Engineering Services, Inc. for a not-to-exceed amount of \$142,924.

Staff will use the City's standard agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The contract with Bennett Engineering Services, Inc. would be authorized in the amount of \$142,924.

Staff is requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$142,924 from the SB1 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Fund (Fund 235) for this contract. Sufficient funds are available in the SB1 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Fund (Fund 235) for the requested appropriation.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The Central Business District Storm Drain Realignment Project Phase 1 is expected to be categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 – Existing Facilities. During the design phase, the consultant team and Public Works staff confirm this determination and provide the necessary CEQA compliance documentation and Notice of Exemption.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution No. 11489 – A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Design and Engineering Consultant Services Agreement with Bennett Engineering Services, Inc. for the Central Business District Storm Drain Realignment Project Phase 1 in the amount of \$142,924 from the SB1 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Fund (Fund 235), and Appropriation of Funds
2. Partial Exhibit from the East Bidwell Corridor Hydraulic Analysis of the Recommended Realignment
3. Preliminary Project Layout exhibit from RFP

Submitted,

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