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August 15, 2025

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Keith R. Sydnor
Council President Kyla M. Clark
Laurel City Councilmembers

THRU: Nekesa Matlock, Deputy City Administrator

FROM: Timothy Miller, Director, Department of Public Works

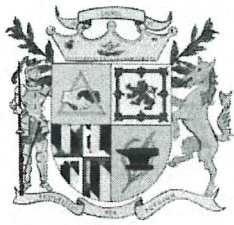
SUBJ: 2025-2030 Open Ended Architectural and Engineering (A&E) Services
Contract Recommendation

Background

The City's current open-ended A&E consultant contracts have expired as of July 1, 2025, and an A&E Selection Committee has concluded an American Public Works Association (APWA) Red Book, Fifth edition Qualification-Based Selection (QBS) for new/renewal of A&E consultants to represent the City. QBS in compliance with the Brooks Act Public Law 92-582 means that the qualifications of architect/engineer consultants are the primary determining factors in consultant selection. This has been a two-part selection. Part 1 included a request for interested A&E firms to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) Proposal that identified key staff that would work on a City contract along with their qualifications and summaries of their work. Each member of the committee reviewed their Expression of Interest Proposals from the competing firms with resultant ratings identifying a short list of five (5) candidate firms from the Fourteen (14) submissions. Part 2 included each of the five firms on the short list providing a formal presentation to the A&E Selection Committee followed by a Q & A (Questions & Answers) session resulting in the selection of the top three (3) A&E firms.

A&E Selection Committee Comprised of the following:

1. William Bailey, Director, Department of Parks & Recreation
2. Thomas Helms, Assistant Director, Department of Public Works
3. Arman Safakhah, City Engineer, Department of Public Works



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Evaluation Results

Part 1 Short List with interviews:

1. KCI Technologies, Inc., Fulton, Maryland
2. Century Engineering, LLC., Hunt Valley, Maryland
3. Daniel Consultants, Inc., Columbia, Maryland
4. Brudis & Associates, Inc., Columbia, Maryland
5. A. Morton Thomas and Associates, Inc., Rockville, Maryland

Part 2 Top Three Selections (Final Selection):

1. KCI Technologies, Inc., Fulton, Maryland
2. Century Engineering, LLC, Hunt Valley, Maryland
3. Brudis & Associates Inc., Columbia, Maryland

Funding

All funding for the A&E Consultants will be associated with tasks assigned to each A&E Consultant and will come from the designated design/engineering portion of funds previously approved by the Mayor and City Council or from specific project funding that will be considered and approved by the Mayor and City Council prior to authorization.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Mayor and City Council of Laurel award Open-End Contracts to the top three A&E firms as selected in Part 2 above. These contracts will be for a period of four (4) years with possibility of a one (1) year extension, unless canceled by either party.

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