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## CITY OF PORT LAVACA

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**COUNCIL MEETING:** APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

**DATE:** 04.07.2026

**TO:** JODY WEAVER, INTERIM CITY MANAGER

**CC:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

**FROM:** KATERYNA THOMAS, GRANTS & CIP COORDINATOR

**SUBJECT:** CONSIDER AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING CONTRACT FOR TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE (GLO), TEXAS COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM ( CMP) GRANT CYCLE 31 CONTRACT NO. 26-056-017-F417 SMITH HARBOR BOARDWALK

**Background:**

The City of Port Lavaca was awarded a Coastal Management Program (CMP) Grant from the Texas General Land Office (GLO). As part of the City's comprehensive planning efforts, the community identified the waterfront as its greatest asset and opportunity.

In 2023, the City adopted the Downtown Waterfront Master Plan, which includes conceptual plans to connect the shared-use path in Bayfront Peninsula Park to the Smith Harbor Tract. This area is envisioned as a future recreational and conservation space.

The purpose of this project is to provide the public with free, safe, and accessible access to the Downtown waterfront area of Lavaca Bay while promoting recreation, accessibility, and environmental stewardship.

This project will establish a safe, durable, and universally accessible pedestrian route that highlights Port Lavaca's unique bayfront, expand public waterfront access, support recreational activities, promote tourism, and contribute to community revitalization.

**Evaluation Process:**

The City issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for engineering services and received three (3) responses from qualified firms:

- G & W Engineers
- Urban Engineering
- EXP U.S. Services

A Scoring Committee was formed to evaluate the proposals, consisting of:

- Interim City Manager Jody Weaver
- Director of Public Works Wayne Shaffer
- Harbor Master Jim Rudellat
- Raymond Butler, Chairman of the Commission Board

The Scoring Committee evaluated all responsive proposals in accordance with the RFQ criteria. Proposals were assessed based on:

- Firm qualifications and experience with waterfront boardwalk-type projects
- Experience with federally and state-funded projects
- Experience in project construction management
- Past performance and references
- Capacity to perform work within required timeframes

Each proposal was independently scored, and the results were compiled to determine the most qualified firm.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends that City Council approve the award of a professional engineering contract to the top scoring firm, Urban Engineering, for Texas General Land Office (GLO) Coastal Management Program (CMP) Cycle 31 Contract No. 26-056-017-F417 for the Smith Harbor Boardwalk Project and authorize the Mayor to execute the Engineering Agreement.

**Financial implication**

Engineering services will be provided on a reimbursement basis in accordance with the terms of the grant agreement.

**Attachments:**

Evaluation Score Sheet