

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

09-0284R

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH MSA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, INC., FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR PRELIMINARY DESIGN MODIFICATIONS FOR THE HIGHLAND PUMP STATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,357.

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that the proper city officials are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with MSA Professional Services, Inc., for professional engineering services for the Highland pump station.

The city is undertaking a major water system improvement project that will provide near term water demands and will serve the city for the majority of this century.

The most recent study has found that major improvements are required for the Highland Pump Station. The city of Duluth desires to determine preliminary design requirements for the Highland Pump Station, which will be used for applying for funding assistance. The city desires to hire a consultant engineer to provide the engineering services required for the preliminary design for the Highland Pump Station. MSA Professional Services, Inc., has submitted a proposal for engineering services for preliminary design in connection with this project.

The cost of said engineering services for preliminary design is estimated

at \$23,357 and is payable from the Water Bond Fund 0511, Department/Agency 500, Object 5532, City Project No. 0765WA.

Approved:

Approved for presentation to council:

Department Director
Purchasing Agent _____

Chief Administrative Officer

Approved as to form:

Approved:

Attorney

Auditor

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The city of Duluth is undertaking a major water system improvements program that will not only provide for near-term water demands but will also serve the city for the majority of this century. This resolution will authorize a contract with MSA Professional Services, Inc., for engineering services relative to preliminary design modifications of Highland pump station improvements. In procuring the services of a consultant for previous pump station improvements, a request for qualifications (RFQ) was used. Seven firms submitted letters of qualification. Each firm was evaluated based on the project criteria given in the RFQ. MSA Professional Services, Inc., was the top-ranked firm and were selected (Resolution 08-0247). Due to time constraints for funding applications, only a request for proposal was sent to MSA for this project. The city recommend award to MSA because of their experience: they provided the engineering services for the city's last water pumping station, they have prepared all of the city's water distribution system analysis and reports, they have stayed on budget in the past and their cost is very reasonable. MSA's engineering fee of \$23,357 is payable from the Water Bond Fund 0511, Department/Agency 500, Object 5532, City Project No. 0765WA.