



Decision Memo

Procurement Services Division

This form is required for all Professional Service Contracts over \$25,000 and as otherwise required by the Procurement Review Checklist.

Date: Oct 20, 2023

MinuteTraq (IQM2) ID #: _____

Department Requisition #: _____

Requesting Department: Division of Transportation	Department Contact: Kent Kuper
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Vendor Name: BLA, Inc.	Vendor #: 10796

Action Requested - Identify the action to be taken and the total cost; for instance, approval of new contract, renew contract, increase contract, etc.

The Professional Construction Engineering Services contract 4860-1-SERV with BLA, Inc. for the 31st Street, from Meyers Road to York Road improvements, Section# 14-00259-05-CH expires November 30, 2023. An extension of time until November 30, 2024 is recommended.

Summary Explanation/Background - Provide an executive summary of the action. Explain why it is necessary and what is to be accomplished.

The Division of Transportation (DOT) retained BLA, Inc. to perform construction engineering for the 31st Street, from Meyers Road to York Road improvement. Construction is complete. However, due to the lengthy close out process on federal projects, it is necessary to retain BLA, Inc. beyond the contract completion date. Therefore, an extension of time is the recommended course of action.

Strategic Impact

Financial Planning Select one of the six strategic imperatives in the County's Strategic Plan this action will most impact and provide a brief explanation.

In order to complete the project documentation and close out the 31st Street, from Meyers Road to York Road project, it will be most cost effective to continue to utilize BLA, Inc. They are in the best position to complete the project at the lowest cost to the County.

Source Selection/Vetting Information - Describe method used to select source.

The DOT only selects firms that are pre-qualified in accordance with IDOT guidelines. Requests for Statements of Interest were sent to firms throughout the industry. Statements of Interest were received from 33 firms. Based on the review of the Statements of Interest, 3 firms were shortlisted and requested to submit a Statement of Qualification. The DOT reviewed each submittal taking into consideration the qualifications of the firm and any subconsultants, experience of key personnel, understanding of the project, experience on similar projects, and strategies to ensure timely completion of the project. Based on a comprehensive review of the submittals, the DOT determined that the project team assembled by BLA, Inc. was most qualified and had the staff available to perform the work on behalf of the County.

Recommendations/Alternatives - Describe staff recommendation and provide justification. Identify at least 2 other options to accomplish this request.

An extension of time to November 30, 2024 with no change in the contract amount is the recommended course of action since BLA, Inc. has completed the work to date in a satisfactory and timely manner. BLA, Inc. is in the best position to continue to provide construction engineering services for this project at the lowest cost to the County. Terminating this contract and soliciting proposals for a new contract would delay the work and result in higher costs.

Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary - Include projected cost for each fiscal year, approved budget amount and account number, source of funds, and any future funding requirements along with any narrative.

No change in contract enunciation.