



Agenda Action Form Overview

The Board is requested to authorize the County Manager to enter into a service contract with Carolina Civilworks Inc. in the amount of \$150,000, Neikens Electrical Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$25,000, and Axis Utility, Inc. in the amount of \$40,000 (RFP 26-035R) to provide emergency and scheduled repairs for the Triangle Wastewater Treatment Plant and also authorize renewal of the contracts yearly for up to four additional one-year periods in accordance with the terms and conditions of the original contract and subject to budget availability.

Background/Justification

Durham County owns and operates the Triangle Wastewater Treatment Plant that is permitted to treat 12 million gallons per day and supply Reclaimed Water to industrial users and the Town of Cary. To maintain compliance with NPDES Permit #NC0026051 and Reclaimed Water Permit #WQ0032821, it's imperative to maintain the treatment plant in a continual state of readiness but also be prepared for an emergency.

Based on the three responses Durham County received regarding RFP 26-035R, Carolina Civilworks Inc., Neikens Electrical Contracting, LLC and Axis Utility Inc. were all determined to be qualified contractors among the three bidders. Carolina Civilworks Inc. and Axis Utility Inc. have provided the services requested for Durham County with outstanding results.

Durham County issued a Request for Proposal (RFP 26-035R) on June 8, 2026. RFP 26-035R was advertised in local newspapers and on the Durham County website. Three proposals were received on July 7, 2026. The proposal bid tabulation and evaluation summary are attached.

Policy Impact

This action is in accordance with Durham County Strategic Goal: “Sustainable Infrastructure & Environment,” as these contracts will ensure all emergency and scheduled repairs to the Triangle Wastewater Treatment Plant are completed in a timely manner to prevent harm to the environment, prevent public health concerns, and to maintain compliance with NPDES Permit #NC0026051 and Reclaimed Water Permit #WQ0032821.

Procurement Background

Type of purchase

- ☐ Goods
- ☒ Services
- ☐ Architect, Engineer or Surveyor Services
- ☐ Construction and Repair

Did this request for purchase go through a bid process? Yes ☒ No ☐

Goods: Bids required if $\geq$ \$30,000, BOCC approval if $\geq$ \$90,000

Services: Bids required if $\geq$ \$30,000, BOCC approval if $>$ \$40,000

Construction/Repair work: Bids required if $\geq$ \$30,000, BOCC approval if $\geq$ \$500,000



If yes, attach a copy of bid tab and the minority and women business enterprise (MWBE) compliance review form provided by the Purchasing Division.

If no, why?

- ☐ Sole source exemption
- ☐ Cooperative purchasing program exemption
- ☐ State and federal contract exemption
- ☐ Contract is an amendment to an existing contract
- ☐ Other (please explain)

If exempted from bidding, has this request been reviewed and approved by the Purchasing Division in the agenda Legistar system? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, why?

Fiscal Impact

The costs associated with the emergency and scheduled repair contracts should not exceed \$215,000 per year. The costs will be funded from the Enterprise Fund's operating budget.

Recommendation

The County Manager recommends the Board authorize the County Manager to enter into a service contract with Carolina Civilworks Inc. in the amount of \$150,000, Neikens Electrical Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$25,000, and Axis Utility, Inc. in the amount of \$40,000 (RFP 26-035R) to provide emergency and scheduled repairs for the Triangle Wastewater Treatment Plant and also authorize renewal of the contracts yearly for up to four additional one-year periods in accordance with the terms and conditions of the original contract and subject to budget availability.