

Memorandum

Public Works Department



To: City Manager
Subject: Utilities Privatization on the Rock Island Arsenal
Date: May 1, 2016
Number: 2016- 091

The Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) intends to release a Request for Proposal (RFP) to privatize the utilities on the Rock Island Arsenal in January-March, 2017. The DLA utility privatization program is extremely complex and unfamiliar to current City staff. As such, we have solicited qualifications from engineering firms for consulting services relating to the above referenced project. These services would include:

- Estimate the condition of the systems and probable capital investment required.
- Estimate the financials for a utility privatization deal (including revenues) value.
- Develop a risk profile.
- Develop the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats to the City.
- Assist City personnel in preparing the RFP documents.

The request for qualifications invitation was advertised in the Rock Island Argus on March 8 & 9, 2016 and on the City of Rock Island's website. Submittals were received from the following:

- Burns McDonnell
- CDM Smith – Shive Hattery
- McClure Engineering Associates, Inc.
- Mead & Hunt
- Symbiont Engineers & Scientists
- Veenstra & Kimm, Inc.

A selection committee consisting of the Public Works Director, the Utilities Superintendent and the City Engineer reviewed the submittals. Based upon the qualifications provided, Mead & Hunt, Middleton, Wisconsin was determined to be the best qualified to provide the required services for this project.

Recommendation

The Public Works Department recommends that the City Council approve the selection of Mead & Hunt and authorize the Public Works Department to negotiate a service agreement.

Once the service agreement is prepared, it will be submitted to the City Council for final approval.

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