



**City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
FINANCIAL ITEMS**

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Legislative File No: 2006-0435

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Ed Anzek, Director of Planning and Development
DATE: June 8, 2006
SUBJECT: Request for Specialized Environmental Services

REQUEST:

City Council is requested to approve a Blanket Purchase Order to STS Consultants, Detroit, Michigan, to provide analysis and verification of results for efforts associated with the Adams/Hamlin Initial Investigation and subsequent Clean-up and Remediation efforts.

REASON FOR PURCHASE:

STS Consultants have been the environmental consultant in service to the City during the litigation of the Adams Hamlin lawsuit. Johnson, Rosati, et al, retained this firm to provide expert legal testimony in regards to the validation of claims made by plaintiff as to the extent of contamination of the site. With the initial investigation of the site about to commence the City is in need of the services of an environmental consultant to oversee the work and validate the findings and represent the City with MDEQ and USEPA, should it become necessary. With Johnson, Rosati, et al. no longer being needed for legal concerns, the ability of using STS should be a direct Purchase Order issued by the City.

The City does have environmental services under contract with ASTI, however, their contract is set to expire in August of this year, and they do not have the experience with the Hamlin Adams site that STS does. Staff and the Administration suggest it is a better approach to have STS continue with the investigation and oversight on this specific site than bring in a consultant that needs to become familiar with all the issues, both of Council's and the residents that have been expressed in the various meetings. STS is conducting the private property testing of the adjacent residents.

The costs associated with this effort are all to be borne by the applicant/developer. The applicant will establish an escrow account with the City and costs incurred by STS will be paid out of that escrow. Because no one knows the extent of work or time that will be required, the establishment of an amount can only be an estimate. As such staff would suggest a Purchase Order Not-To-Exceed amount \$20,000 (Twenty Thousand Dollars).

With this approval there are two resolutions required. The first, pursuant to Section 2-281 of the Purchasing Ordinance, is to waive Section 2-276(a) requiring that professional services be procured through a request for proposals or quality-based selection and the second is the approval of the issuance of a Purchase Order to STS Consultants for specific environmental work on a singular site known as the Adams Hamlin site.

PROCESS:

Vendor Name and Address:

STS Consultants, Ltd.
 622 West Baltimore
 Detroit, MI 48202
 Ph. 313.874.2660 (Jim Anderson, Associate Scientist)

Reason for Selection:

STS Consultants have extensive familiarity with the specific issues of the site having served as the legal counsel's expert environmental consultant during the past year and a half. To utilize our current contracted consultant would be a duplication of costs incurred by the City.

Method of Purchase:

Blanket Purchase Order

BUDGET:

This additional effort was not anticipated when the budget was developed nearly a year ago. Depending on the level of effort there may need to be an amendment to increase the budgeted amount for the remainder of the year. For 2006 a total amount of \$50,000 was budgeted for environmental consulting work. However, it is important to note that most of these costs are "pass-through" being paid for by the applicant/developer.

Fund Name	Department Account No	Account No. Description	Budget Amount	Cost	Remaining Budget
Planning & Development	401.808006	Consultant Fees- Wetland/Environmenta l	\$50,000	\$20,000	\$30,000

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended, pursuant to Section 2-281 of the Rochester Hills Code of Ordinance that the Rochester Hills City Council waive Section 2-276(a) of the Purchasing Ordinance requiring that professional services be procured through a request for proposals or quality-based selection, deeming this action to be in the best interest of the City.

It is further recommended that the Rochester Hills City Council authorize a blanket purchase order to STS Consultants, Detroit, Michigan, to provide environmental work on a singular site known as the Adams Hamlin site in the amount not-to-exceed \$20,000.

RESOLUTION

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RETURN TO AGENDA

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		

Department Director		
Budget Content: Finance Director		
Purchasing Process: Supervisor of Procurement		
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City Council Liaison		

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