

Item # 44A

CARSON CITY, NEVADA REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

Date Submitted: December 12, 2006

Agenda Date Requested: December 21, 2006

Time Requested: Consent Agenda

To: Mayor and Supervisors

From: Public Works - Contracts Division

Subject Title: Action to accept Public Works recommendation on the "**Biddability and Constructability Review of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion**" project, Contract# 2006-090, and authorize Public Works to issue payments to Harris and Associates, 1817 Moody Street, Suite 30, Carson City, Nevada, 89706, in the amount of \$76,200 as provided for in Fiscal Year 2006/2007 from the WWTP Upgrade Phase 1A fund.

Staff Summary: This contract provides for a peer review of the plans and specifications for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project which is currently estimated to cost upwards of \$19 million dollars. The review provides for evaluation of the plans and specifications to eliminate potential problems and to clarify issues with the complex project. It is a process recommended by the EPA to reduce overall costs and reduce exposure for construction claims.

Type of Action Requested: (Check One)

Resolution

Ordinance

(**) Formal Action/motion

Other (Specify)

Does this Action Require a Business Impact Statement: Yes No

Recommended Board Action: I move to accept Public Works recommendation on the "**Biddability and Constructability Review of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion**" project, Contract# 2006-090, and authorize Public Works to issue payments to Harris and Associates, 1817 Moody Street, Suite 30, Carson City, Nevada, 89706, in the amount of \$76,200 as provided for in Fiscal Year 2006/2007 from the WWTP Upgrade Phase 1A fund.

Explanation for Recommended Board Action: This is a professional services contract. This consultant was selected using the guidelines of NRS as indicated below. This contract provides for a peer review of the plans and specifications for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project which is currently estimated to cost upwards of \$19 million dollars. The review provides for evaluation of the plans and specifications to eliminate potential problems and to clarify issues with the complex project. It is a process recommended by the EPA to reduce overall costs and reduce exposure for construction claims.

Project Estimate: \$76,200

Project Budget: \$76,200

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation: Architects, Engineers and Surveyors are considered professional services contracts pursuant to the requirements of N.R.S., Chapters 332 and 625, therefore, a formal bidding process is not required, however, a Statement of Qualifications process was used to select this consultant. Harris & Associates was selected as the one of the firms best qualified for this project.

Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$76,200.

Funding Source: WWTP Upgrade Phase IA, as Provided for in FY 2006/2007

Explanation of Impact: If approved the above referenced account could be decreased by \$76,200.