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### Title

## Professional engineering services for Storm Water Capital Improvement Projects in Fiscal Years 2023 through 2025

### Action

#### ACTION:

**Authorize the County Manager to negotiate fees and execute professional services contracts with selected engineering firms for Storm Water Capital Improvement Projects identified in Fiscal Years 2023 through 2025**

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**Presentation:** No

#### BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:

Multiple engineering firms have been selected to perform professional services for Storm Water Capital Improvement Projects to be identified in fiscal years FY23 through FY25. These contracts are necessary for stream restoration projects that will achieve water quality improvement goals identified in the Environmental Leadership Action Plan.

Assignment of specific projects to selected consultants is contingent on easement acquisition,

availability of funds and/or the award of grants. This selection does not assure that the firm will be assigned a project and/or enter into a contract with the County.

The engineering firms will complete all services required to construct storm water projects in Mecklenburg County including easements, design, planning, surveying, permitting and construction administration services. When a project has been selected and funding secured, an appropriate firm will be selected from the pool of engineering firms based on a letter of interest for that specific project.

Approval of this Action Item will authorize the negotiation of contracts as projects are identified.

### **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:**

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Professional Services was distributed September 30, 2022 through the State of North Carolina Interactive Purchasing System web site. The qualifications-based selection of professional services performed by engineers is governed by G.S. 143-64.31, sometimes referred to as the "Mini-Brooks Act."

A total of eight (8) submittals were received on October 27, 2022. The Selection Committee consisted of staff from Storm Water Services' Engineering and Mitigation Program, a representative from the Business Diversity and Inclusion Program (BDI), and a private retired Professional Engineer as required by BOCC Policy. On November 16, 2022, the Selection Committee met and discussed the qualifications of the firms.

Based on the information presented in the written submittals the Selection Committee selected the following firms for this work:

- **Hazen and Sawyer, DPC**
- **Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.**
- **Wildlands Engineering, Inc.**
- **Freese and Nichols, Inc.**

The assignment of a firm for a specific project will be based on the type of project, the firm's expertise/experience and successfully meeting the criteria outlined in the current BDI Provisions Guide.

### **POLICY IMPACT:**

N/A

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

N/A