

# City of Independence

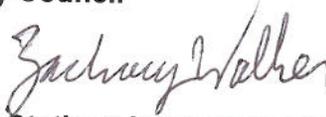
## MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012

City Council Office

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Zachary C. Walker, Management Analyst



SUBJECT: Wastewater Treatment Plant/Pump Stations Improvements  
Bidding and Construction Phase Services

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Before you is an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$2,658,000.00 for professional architectural, engineering, and land surveying services for the bid and construction phase of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Pump Stations and Holding Basins Improvements. In accordance with Section 1.43.007 (D) of the City Code, I have reviewed this contract to ensure compliance with the contracting process.

Having reviewed all applicable documentation and actions related to this contract, it is my opinion that this is a satisfactory contract and that all parties have fulfilled their obligations accordingly. This contract with HDR will cover bid and construction phase services for both the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements and the Pump Stations and Holding Basins Improvements. HDR will manage these as two separate projects and ensure adherence to the terms set forth in the Consent Decree with the Environmental Protection Agency and the Settlement Agreement with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. The contract will cover a period of 915 days and a timeline has been developed that will see both projects through final completion.

It should be noted that Section 8.285 of the *Missouri Revised Statutes* authorizes political subdivisions in the State of Missouri to negotiate contracts of this nature without advertising an invitation to bid. However, HDR was previously retained via Ordinance No. 17732 to provide services associated with the design and specifications for this venture, giving them an intimate knowledge of this highly complex and regulated project. Because of the mandated timeline, Water Pollution Control staff wishes to utilize their services in the next phase rather than developing a partnership with a new vendor, which could potentially delay the project. Beyond this familiarity, staff has also expressed an appreciation for the efficient and effective work produced by HDR, making them an ideal contractor for this project.

In summary, the contract contains all the necessary clauses to protect the interests of the City of Independence and meet the timelines outlined in the aforementioned Consent Decree and Settlement Agreement. If you should have any questions regarding this review, please do not hesitate to contact me.

C: Robert Heacock, City Manager  
John Pinch, Deputy City Manager  
Larry Kauffman, Assistant City Manager  
Jane Sharon, City Clerk  
Dick Champion, Director, Water Pollution Control