



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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COMMITTEE ON PROCUREMENT

Mr. Richard Lanyon, Executive Director

Authorization to amend the Master Agreement with Illinois Institute of Technology to extend the agreement termination date from December 31, 2010, to March 31, 2012

Dear Sir:

On April 19, 2007, the Board of Commissioners (Board) granted authority to enter into a Master Agreement (MA) between the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (District) and the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT), to investigate emerging issues and technologies such as disinfection, nutrient and phosphorus removal, etc., which present future challenges and potential regulatory changes to the District. Initially this agreement was to terminate on December 31, 2010.

Authorization is requested to amend and extend the MA between the District and IIT through March 31, 2012. This amendment is due to a new Research Project Specification with an anticipated completion beyond the current MA expiration date of December 31, 2010.

The latest Research Project Specification, which was authorized by the Board on September 16, 2010, is for an "Assessment of the Effect of Wet Weather Flows on Effluent Quality at the Kirie WRP." This project is estimated to continue through December 31, 2011. The amendment will extend the termination date to March 31, 2012, to allow sufficient time for any final reporting issues.

Since the required services under the MA are professional in nature, they are not adaptive to award by competitive bidding. Therefore, it is requested that the extension of the termination date be authorized without advertising, as stated in Section 11.4 of the Purchasing Act.

This amendment is in compliance with the Illinois Criminal Code since the change is due to circumstances not reasonably foreseeable at the time the contract was signed, and is in the best interest of the District.

Requested, Louis Kollias, Director of Monitoring and Research, LK:TG:MPC:KB:jg
Recommended, Darlene A. LoCascio, Director of Procurement and Materials Management
Respectfully Submitted, Barbara J. McGowan, Chairman Committee on Procurement
Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for December 16, 2010