

City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: City Utilities - Sewer/Stormwater

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: July 17, 2023

Re: Authorizing a Subscription Agreement with Stantec Consulting Services Inc.

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration, a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a subscription agreement with Stantec Consulting Services Inc. for the use of their FAMS financial forecasting model developed as part of the Sanitary Sewer Utility, Solid Waste Utility and Storm Water Utility Cost of Service Studies.

Discussion

During FY 2021, the City of Columbia entered into a professional services agreement with Stantec Consulting Services Inc. to conduct a cost of service and rate design study for the Sewer, Solid Waste and Storm Water Utilities at a cost of \$100,000. An amendment was approved for an additional \$10,750 for the consultant to conduct additional rate, fee and policy analysis relative to Boone County Regional Sewer District (BCRSD) customers receiving wastewater services from the City as part of the cost of service study being conducted for the City. This brought the total cost to \$110,750. The objectives of the study included revenue sufficiency, cost of service and rate design.

Stantec Consulting Services Inc. presented their initial findings and recommendations to the Finance Advisory and Audit Committee (FAAC) on November 22, 2021 and to the City Council at their December 9, 2021 Pre-Council meeting.

The proposed subscription agreement grants the City permission to use Stantec Consulting Services Inc. FAMS financial forecasting model for a one year and may be renewed for additional one year periods unless otherwise terminated in accordance with the terms of this agreement.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: \$15,000 per year (\$5,000 per model) Long-Term Impact: \$15,000 per year (\$5,000 per model)

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Reliable Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact:

Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable



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Legislative History

Date	Action
02/06/2017	R15-17 Authorizing a consent to assignment of a licensing and maintenance agreement with Burton & Associates, Inc. for use of the FAMS-XL© financial forecasting model for the Sewer Utility and Storm Water Utility cost of service an rate recommendations study to Stantec Inc.
03/02/2015	R41-15 License Agreement with Burton & Associates, Inc.

Suggested Council Action

Approval of the resolution.