



ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

May 28, 2020

To: Terrence D. McCracken, Secretary to the Authority

From: Leonard F. Kowalski, PE, Executive Engineer *LFK*

Subject: Request for Proposals
Castle Hill Pump Station Replacement
ECWA Project No. 202000046

The Erie County Water Authority (ECWA) recently issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the design of the replacement of the Castle Hill Pump Station located in the Town of Aurora. This project will involve design tasks that will result in the total replacement of the facility including:

- New pump building with below grade and above grade sections, paving, grading, and drainage;
- New pumps VFDs and pump controls to replace the existing four pumps;
- New electrical equipment associated with the new pump station;
- New HVAC equipment associated with the new pump station.

The Castle Hill Pump Station was constructed around 1990 and provides service to over 200 residences in the Town of Aurora. The pump station consists of a below-grade precast concrete structure that houses four pumps, electrical panels, and associated valves and piping and does not meet the Authority's needs from an operations and maintenance perspective. It is anticipated that the new pump station would be built as a new stand-alone structure, located adjacent to the existing below-grade pump station.

RFPs were issued to five consulting engineers: Arcadis, GHD, Brown and Caldwell, Nussbaumer & Clarke, and Hazen & Sawyer as well as posted the RFP to the Water Authority Website. Four other firms, LaBella, Dubois & King, Foit Albert, and Barton & Loguidice obtained the RFP through our website. In the end, five firms, GHD, Dubois & King, Barton & Loguidice, Hazen & Sawyer and Labella chose to submit proposals for this project. This is a single project requiring one consulting firm.

The proposals were reviewed and discussed among the engineering staff (Russ Stoll, Len Kowalski, Michael Wymer, and Michael Quinn). Experience, staffing, scope and project approach were considered. It was determined that each firm possessed the basic relevant qualifications to perform the work proposed.

LaBella provided an experienced project team to perform the work and demonstrated direct experience with recent work at similarly sized facilities as well as other facilities of comparable complexity and capacity to the Castle Hill Pumping Station. Their team, approach and level of effort showed an understanding of the necessary project process and workflow for all of the required tasks in this RFP.

If there are no objections, the Engineering Department plans on moving forward with negotiations with LaBella to develop a Professional Services Contract for the referenced project.

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