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To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
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Rochester, New York 14614

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Committee Assignment

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Subject: Authorize a Contract with Blue Heron Construction Company, LLC for Construction Services for the Rochester Pure Waters District's Frank E. Van Lare Water Resource Recovery Facility Aeration System Improvements Project, Phase B

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize a contract with Blue Heron Construction Company, LLC in the amount of \$6,006,773 for construction services for the Rochester Pure Waters District's ("District") Frank E. Van Lare Water Resource Recovery Facility ("FEV WRRF") Aeration System Improvements Project, Phase B.

The District owns, operates, and maintains the FEV WRRF located at 1574 Lake Shore Boulevard in the City of Rochester. The FEV WRRF is an activated sludge sewage treatment facility originally constructed in the early 1900's. The structures serving as the 20 aeration basins are original to the WRRF. The structures were converted to complete mix aeration basins with surface mechanical aerators around 1970. This complete-mix system with mechanical aerators was converted to a fine-bubble diffused air system between 2011 and 2015. These improvements converted the first quarter of each of the 20 aeration basins to unaerated selector zones. Phase A improvements included the installation of flexible membrane diffusers in the unaerated selector zones of two (2) "test" aeration basins and associated modifications to the air piping, tank interior influent lines, and installation of slide and knife gates in the two (2) test basins. The results of Phase A were used as the basis of design for Phase B improvements in six (6) additional basins. Phase B improvements will include the installation of flexible membrane diffusers in the unaerated selector zones and replacement of existing ceramic diffuser discs in the aerated zones with new flexible membranes in six (6) aeration basins and associated modifications of the air piping, tank interior influent lines, valves, and slide gates. Phase B will also include the procurement and installation of two (2) new turbo blowers for the aeration system, and associated instrumentation, controls, networking, and electrical upgrades.

The following bids were received:

Blue Heron Construction Company, LLC	\$6,006,773
John W. Danforth Company	\$6,579,000
C.P. Ward, Inc.	\$7,540,000

The bids have been reviewed and Blue Heron Construction Company, LLC has been determined to be the lowest responsible bidder pursuant to General Municipal Law §103.

The specific legislative action required is to authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute a contract with Blue Heron Construction Company, LLC, 9289 Bonta Bridge Road, Jordan, New York 13080, in the amount of \$6,006,773 for construction services for the Rochester Pure Waters District's Frank E. Van Lare Water Resource Recovery Facility Aeration System Improvements Project, Phase B, and any amendments necessary to complete the project within the total capital fund(s) appropriation.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617(c)(1) ("maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility") and (2) ("replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 of this Part") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act..

Funding for this contract, consistent with authorized uses, is included in capital fund 1895 and any capital fund(s) created for the same intended purpose. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

The records in the Office of the Monroe County Treasury have indicated that neither Blue Heron Construction Company, LLC, nor any of its principal officers, owe any delinquent Monroe County property taxes. The principal officers of the firm are:

Charles W. Gregory III, Owner
Eric Soehner, President
Matthew Rodenhizer, Vice President

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,


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