



**Unapproved
Town of Ridgefield
Water Pollution Control Authority**

**WPCA Workshop Meeting
June 8, 2021 5:30 p.m.
66 Prospect Street
Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877**

WPCA: Gary Zawacki, Ron Hill, Maureen Kozlark
WPCA Absent: Kevin Briody, Amy Siebert
AECOM: Jon Pearson, Matt Formica
Suez: Jeff Pennell, Ryan Richmond, Jon Arneth

**These are not verbatim minutes of the proceedings but identification of
general items and specific actions undertaken.**

Meeting held via ZOOM Video Teleconference.

WPCA Regular Meeting called to order at 5:40 pm by Ms. Kozlark

1) New Business

- a) **Review Route 7 Bid.** Mr. Pearson discussed the results of reference checks for the apparent low bidder, M&O Construction Co. AECOM had forwarded copies of the reference check worksheets for the four references that had been contacted. A fifth reference was reached just prior to the meeting. All references provided favorable feedback on past projects completed by M&O Construction. Mr. Pearson discussed that the largest municipal pipeline project that M&O Construction has completed was approximately \$5 million in value, versus their bid for this project of \$8.3 million.

As part of the required prequalification to submit a bid on this project, M&O Construction's bonding limit determined by the Connecticut Department of Administrative Services (DAS) is \$15 million, and they currently have only \$1.7 million in bonding committed to other projects, leaving over \$13 million in bonding capacity for this project.

Mr. Pearson noted that a review of a Dun & Bradstreet report on M&O Construction indicates they are financially stable, have a low financial risk, and have a high likelihood of continued operations. AECOM has reached out to M&O Construction's bonding company to obtain confirmation that the bonding company would be willing to provide

the required bonds if the project is awarded to M&O Construction but have not yet had a response.

Based on the reference checks and review of other information, Mr. Pearson noted that it appears M&O Construction has the capability to undertake this project.

- b) **AECOM/Suez Input.** Mr. Pearson noted that AECOM has been working with Suez to identify potential scope reduction alternatives for the Route 7 PS, FM, and WWTF Decommissioning contract that could be considered to reduce the project cost. Mr. Pearson and Mr. Formica reviewed a listing of potential scope reduction alternatives, and each was discussed, with Suez, AECOM, and the WPCA providing input. At the conclusion of the discussion, each alternative was assigned a decision of yes, no or maybe as to whether each one should be considered further. This input will be provided to Rudy Marconi, Charlie Fisher, and Jake Muller for discussion at the meeting scheduled for June 14th at 4:30 pm, with a goal of further defining scope reduction items to discuss with M&E Construction. The next step after that meeting would be to schedule a meeting with M&O Construction.

2) **Adjournment**

- a) Motion to adjourn Meeting at 7:20 pm by Mr. Hill seconded by Mr. Mr. Zawacki, passing 3-0

Submitted by Diana Van Ness