

## City Council – Action Request Form

**Date:** May 13, 2025

**To:** Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

**From:** Darren Redfield, Purchasing Manager  
Keith Huff, Stormwater/Field Operations Director  
Aaron King, Assistant City Manager

**Council Action Requested:**

Resolution Awarding Construction Contract for Innovation Quarter stormwater facility rehabilitation (East Ward)

**Strategic Focus Area:** Healthy Environment

**Strategic Objective:** Manage Water Quality and Quantity

**Strategic Plan Action Item:** No

**Key Work Item:** Yes



**Summary of Information:**

The Innovation Quarter (IQ) continues to expand and develop a biotechnology research park in downtown Winston-Salem. In addition to the construction of buildings, the IQ will also make a number of different infrastructure improvements. The City owns a regional stormwater management control facility that exists at the northwest corner of Highway 52 and Salem Parkway. This facility was originally constructed in 2013 with public monies and grant funds. Since construction, the stormwater facility has endured many large storm events and is in need of rehabilitation.

The scope of work includes repairing eroded articulated blocks, clearing trees and vegetation, replanting pond slopes, repair of impoundment wall concrete joints, painting of the outside impoundment wall, removal of debris, dredging of the upper forebay area, installation of erosion protection systems, herbicide treatment, plantings.

City/County Purchasing advertised a formal construction bid for the Innovation Quarter stormwater facility rehabilitation and bids were to be opened on April 15, 2025. However, three bids were not received as required by North Carolina General Statute 143-132(a). Following proper legal re-advertisement, bids were then opened on April 29, 2025, with a summary of bids as follows:

<u>City/State</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
Freshwater Construction, LLC	Lexington, NC \$1,649,285.00

**Committee**

**Action**

**For**

**Against**

**Remarks:**

The low bidder, Freshwater Construction, LLC, submitted M/WBE subcontracting goals of 7.45% with minority-owned businesses and 4.15% with women-owned businesses, exceeded the goals established for this project of 6% MBE and 4% WBE.

Therefore, it is recommended that the contract be awarded to Freshwater Construction, LLC, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder meeting specifications, in the estimated amount of \$1,649,285.00. The engineer's cost estimate was \$1,415,225.00.

M/WBE comment: This project was advertised on the City and State websites and by a few electronic plan rooms. Bid invitations were sent directly to 38 contractors, including 1 minority-owned and 6 woman-owned businesses. Notifications were sent to all local M/WBE and regional HUB businesses on a bi-weekly basis. See Exhibit A for workplace demographics and a complete list of businesses notified about the bidding opportunity.