



**Date:** October 19, 2021

**To:** Wanda S. Page, City Manager  
**Through:** Bertha T. Johnson, Deputy City Manager  
**From:** Marvin G. Williams, Director of Public Works  
**Subject:** Contract SD-2021-05, Stormwater Infrastructure Repairs

**Executive Summary**

On August 19, 2021 bids were opened for Contract SD-2021-05, Stormwater Infrastructure Repairs. The project includes the furnishing of all materials, labor, equipment, tools, etc. unless otherwise specified, for the complete installation of repairs of stormwater drainage systems at various site locations throughout the City of Durham. The lowest responsive, responsible bid was submitted by Pipeline Utilities, Inc., of Raleigh, North Carolina. The Public Works Department recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Pipeline Utilities, Inc., for Contract SD-2021-05 in the amount of \$2,554,769.

**Motion**

To authorize the City Manager to execute Contract SD-2021-05, Stormwater Infrastructure Repairs, with Pipeline Utilities, Inc. in the amount of \$2,554,769;

To establish a contingency fund in the amount of \$383,215.35; and

To authorize the City Manager to negotiate change orders for Contract SD-2021-05 provided that the total contract cost does not exceed \$2,937,984.35.

**Background**

The contract involves the furnishing of all materials, labor, equipment, tools, etc. unless otherwise specified, for the complete installation of repairs, rehabilitation, and improvements of stormwater drainage infrastructure systems at various site locations throughout the City of Durham. Seven project sites will be addressed as part of this work. The sites are located in City rights-of-way, City-owned property, and private property. Five projects are being performed as part of the Private Drainage Assistance Program (PDAP).

**Issues and Analysis**

The Public Works Department initially advertised the project on June 17, 2021. At the bid opening on July 21, 2021 no bids were received. The Public Works Department then re-advertised on July 28, 2021. Bids were opened on August 19, 2021. Two bids were received.

The following is a summary of bids received:

Pipeline Utilities, Inc.	\$2,554,769.00	Low Bid
Bruce Allen Construction Company, LLC	\$4,018,217.80	

The Public Works Department recommends awarding Contract SD-2021-05 to Pipeline Utilities, Inc. in the amount of \$2,554,769.

### Alternatives

The Public Works Department has not identified any alternatives since the bids received are competitive and are representative of the current market value for the work proposed.

### Financial Impact

This project is budgeted for in the adopted Capital Improvements Project Ordinance (#15822) for storm drainage repairs following accounts.

4300L045-731000-LK100 (Construction in Progress):	\$723,787.00
4300L045-731900-LK100 (Contract Contingencies):	\$108,568.05
4300L045-731000-LK105 (Construction in Progress):	\$38,710.00
4300L045-731900-LK105 (Contract Contingencies):	\$5,806.50
4300L045-731000-LK107 (Construction in Progress):	\$1,792,272.00
4300L045-731900-LK107 (Contract Contingencies):	\$268,840.80
Total:	\$2,937,984.35

### Equal Business Opportunity Summary

The Equity & Inclusion Department reviewed the bid submitted by Pipeline Utilities of Raleigh, NC to determine if they are in compliance with Ordinance to Promote Equal Business Opportunities in City Contracting. The goals for this project are MUBE 11% and WUBE 7%. Pipeline Utilities did not meet the MUBE goal, though they exceeded the WUBE goal. After reviewing Pipeline Utilities' Good Faith Efforts documentation, it was determined that the firm is in compliance with the Ordinance to Promote Equal Business Opportunities in City Contracting.

### UBE REQUIREMENTS

Pipeline Utilities, Inc. will utilize the following certified firms:

Firm	ID	City/State	Amount	% of Contract
Fred Adams Paving Co.	WUBE	Morrisville, NC	\$25,950.00	1%
JV Blackwell & Sons Trucking	WUBE	Burlington, NC	\$256,195.00	10%
Certified Concrete Construction	MUBE	Raleigh, NC	\$79,114.00	3%

### Contractor Workforce Diversity & Hiring Practices

Workforce Diversity Summary Statement: According to the contractor's responses to the "Contractor Workforce Diversity Questionnaire," the contractor is a medium employer (50 to 100 employees); consisting of a mix of professional/skilled and unskilled workers. The contractor believes it has a diverse workforce because 44% of their employees are a minority. The contractor did list a few example efforts it makes to have a more diverse workforce. The contractor stated that they do not discriminate against race, sex, or nationality and they have hired from referrals from their employees and they always display a "Now Hiring" advertising sign posted for anyone to apply to the company by walk-in.

## WORKFORCE STATISTICS

### Total Workforce:

<b>Employment Category</b>	<b>Total Employees</b>	<b>Total Males</b>	<b>Total Females</b>
Project Manager	7	7	0
Professional	6	6	0
Technical	-	-	-
Clerical	3	0	3
Labor	46	46	0
Total	62	59	3

### Male:

<b>Employment Category</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>	<b>Asian or Pacific Islander</b>	<b>Indian or Alaskan Native</b>
Project Manager	7	0	0	0	0
Professional	6	0	0	0	0
Technical	-	-	-	-	-
Clerical	0	0	0	0	0
Labor	19	16	11	0	0
Total	32	16	11	0	0

### Female:

<b>Employment Category</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>	<b>Asian or Pacific Islander</b>	<b>Indian or Alaskan Native</b>
Project Manager	0	0	0	0	0
Professional	0	0	0	0	0
Technical	-	-	-	-	-
Clerical	3	0	0	0	0
Labor	0	0	0	0	0
Total	3	0	0	0	0

### Attachments

1. Contract SD-2021-05, Agreement Form, dated November 25, 2021.
2. UBE Compliance Report, dated September 2, 2021.