CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2025-149 Agreement and Work Authorization with Burns and McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc. for Residential Solid Waste and Recycling Procurement Consulting Services

MEETING DATE
November 3, 2025

ORIGINATING DEPT
Public Works

ATTACHMENTS
Council Bill 2025-149; Agreement and Work Authorization; Scoring Summary; Scope of Services

REVIEWED BY
Director of Public Works, Daniel Johnson; Finance Director, Leslie Haase; City Attorney, Peter Edwards; Assistant City Manager, Tony Robyn; City Manager, Nicholas Edwards

SUMMARY
This Council Bill authorizes the City Manager or his designee to approve an Agreement and Work Authorization with Burns and McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc. for Residential Solid Waste and Recycling Procurement Consulting Services in the not to exceed amount of Ninety-Two Thousand Three Hundred and 00/100 dollars ($92,300.00)

BACKGROUND
The City of Joplin transitioned to the residential trash franchise in 2004. Since that transition, the franchise has been advertised for bid two times. Once in 2016 and the existing contract in 2021. In 2021 the city received three competitive bids for residential trash and recycling services. All bids were rejected upon Republic Services' offer to extend their contract by one year. Subsequently, a five-year contract was negotiated with Republic Services to continue providing residential trash service through June 30, 2026.

Industry practices and service levels have evolved over time along with expectations of municipalities and their citizens. Additionally, in November of 2023, the city was awarded the Recycling Education Outreach (REO) grant from the EPA which will provide $1.74 million toward educating the public about recycling opportunities with the goal of increasing participation in the community. These factors will have a direct influence on the desired services to be offered when selecting the next provider and negotiating the next contract. The need to utilize a consultant with proven expertise in the selection process has been identified due to these challenging factors. Burns and McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc., will work with Public Works department leadership to manage the procurement of a new contract for residential solid waste services to be approved by City Council. The consultant will be responsible for project administration, data collection, RFP development and drafting, interview support, agreement review, negotiations assistance, and City Council updates. The outcome will be the recommendation of the best residential solid waste and recycling management services provider for the City of Joplin at the best value for the customer.

Fees for this service were not included in the fiscal year 2026 budget. The Solid Waste Management Fund budget is being amended in the amount of $92,300.00.

In accordance with the City of Joplin's procurement policies, a Request for Qualifications for Consulting Services was advertised in the Joplin Globe on September 16, 2025, with submittals due to the City by October 1, 2025. Qualifications submittals were received from three consulting firms, which were reviewed and scored by a team comprised of staff from both Public Works administration and the City Manager's office. Based on the scoring, Burns and McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc., was determined to be the best qualified firm to provide the services requested. A scoping meeting was held with Burns and McDonnell to finalize the scope of work to be included in the consulting agreement. The fees submitted by Burns and McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc. have been reviewed by City staff and found to be within industry standards.

FUNDING SOURCE

This item includes a fiscal year 2026 budget amendment to the Solid Waste Management Fund in the amount of $92,300.00

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend approval of this Council Bill on first reading.