



CITY OF
CORPUS CHRISTI

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting June 2, 2026

DATE: June 2, 2026
TO: Peter Zaroni, City Manager
FROM: Nicholas Winkelmann, P.E., Chief Operating Officer, CCW

One Reading Ordinance authorizing a professional services contract with WSP USA, Inc. for Owner's Representative Services, which includes the Independent Cost Estimator, in the amount up to \$9,500,00.00 for the Inner Harbor Seawater Desalination Treatment Plant Project

CAPTION:

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SUMMARY:

The approved negotiation of a professional services contract will be the foundation for the future design build contract for the Inner Harbor Seawater Desalination Treatment Plant Project.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:

WSP USA Inc. ("WSP") will function as the City desalination facility Owner's Representative prime consultant for this Progressive Design-Build project delivery. KMC Construction Consulting, a WSP subcontractor, will provide independent construction cost estimating support services. Another WSP subcontractor, Carollo Engineers, will provide engineering support services for specific disciplines. WSP and our subcontractors as a consultant team will hereinafter collectively be referred to as the "WSP Team."

The role of the WSP Team will serve as Owner's Representative (OR) for the City during Phase 1, preconstruction period of the Progressive Design-Build project delivery.

The Owner's Representative will hold internal team coordination meetings, and monthly reporting. They will oversee the pilot by reviewing and recommending the Design-Builder's Pilot Protocol and raw seawater sampling plan to meet TCEQ and TWDB requirements. WSP will provide design development oversight by reviewing Phase 1 deliverables, Basis of Design, and technical workgroup outputs, and conduct technical reviews with intake, pretreatment, RO, post-treatment, residuals, outfall/diffusor, electrical/power, SCADA/I&C, civil/architectural, and pipeline integration. WSP will provide commercial support for the administration of the Contract Documents and the finalization of the Design Criteria Package to be used with the GMP Cost Proposal review and negotiations. They will assist with regulatory and permitting support by advising on permitting strategies and early agency engagement as needed and provide document control support and systems for efficient administration of all the Design Builder's

documents in accordance with good industry practices and the Contract Documents.

WSP will also provide an Independent Cost Estimator Kelly McNutt Consulting (KMC) to develop an independent cost estimate at 30% design and GMP (60%) design and who will provide support for the GMP Cost Proposal review and negotiations.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative would be to not proceed with the Inner Harbor Seawater Desalination Treatment Plant Project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact to the Corpus Christi Water for FY 2026 is \$9,500,000.00 with funding available through the Water Capital SWIFT Fund. Because this project was removed from the FY 2026 Capital Improvement Plan, an amendment to the CIP is required to restore the project and appropriate the necessary funding.

FUNDING DETAIL:

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| Fund: | 4488 Water CIP SWIFT Loan 2 |
| Organization: | 89 |
| Department: | 45 |
| Project # (CIP Only): | E15117 |
| Account: | 550950 |
| Activity: | E15117014488EXP |

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends authorization to negotiate a contract for Owner's Representative services with WSP up to \$9,500,000.00 for the Inner Harbor Seawater Desalination Treatment Plant Project.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance
Memo