



Town of Poestenkill
Town Board Meeting
6:30pm- Town Hall
March 31, 2022

Voting Members

Keith Hammond, Town Supervisor
Eric Wohlleber, Deputy Supervisor
June Butler, Councilwoman
David Hass, Councilman
Harold Van Slyke, Councilman

Non-Voting Members

Susan Horton, Town Clerk
Andy Gilchrist, Town Attorney

Pledge of Allegiance

I. **Public Comment Period**

The public is invited to make brief comments and/or request information regarding matters of concern to the Town and its residents. Speakers should clearly identify themselves and at their option provide their home address. Comments should be directed to the Board and cross discussion with other members of the audience is only permitted at the recognition of the Board. A request can be made to speak on an item that is on the agenda when the item comes up for discussion/ consideration by the Board. Your cooperation and courtesy is most appreciated.

II. **Proposed Water District #2**

- a. Federally Earmarked Money
- b. Draft Engineering Report

III. **Uninhabitable Building**

IV. **Executive Session**

V. **Adjournment**

CONTRACT ADDENDUM NO. 2021151-01

(FY2023 Community Project Funding – Poestenkill Water District #2)

DATED: March 25, 2022

TO
Agreement for Professional Services
(Original Agreement No. 2021151-00, Dated: December 21, 2021)

The original Agreement, between Town of Poestenkill, Rensselaer County, New York, the CLIENT and Laberge Engineering & Consulting Group, LTD., is hereby amended as follows:

The contract amount shall be increased by hourly rates up to \$2,000 plus reimbursable expenses for each Community Project Funding application prepared for funding through Congressman Delagado, Senator Schumer and/or Senator Gillibrand for the Town's Water District #2 Improvement Program. With the assistance of the Town of Poestenkill, Laberge Group will complete the following:

- Prepare sample resolutions for the Town of Poestenkill;
- Prepare sample letters requesting support;
- Prepare sample support letters;
- Based on information provided by the Town, prepare grant narratives, budget worksheets and supporting attachments necessary to the submission of the application; and
- Submit the completed application by the 2022 deadline with one copy to the Town of Poestenkill.

Please note that all requested supporting documentation must be received by Laberge Group prior to April 7, 2022 or we cannot guarantee the completeness of the application.

In the event Laberge Group is directed by the municipality or the funding source to stop work on an in-process project, or in the event the municipality changes the original project after preparation work has begun, services completed will be billed on an hourly basis for work completed.

Town of Poestenkill

38 Davis Drive

Poestenkill, New York 12140
City State Zip

BY: _____
Keith Hammond, Supervisor

LABERGE ENGINEERING & CONSULTING GROUP, LTD.

4 Computer Drive, West

Albany New York 12205
City State Zip

BY: 
Richard F. Laberge, P.E., President

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tbuker@poestenkillny.com

RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Federal Earmarks

From : Syden, Benjamin H. <bsyden@labergegroup.com> Fri, Mar 25, 2022 03:28 PM
Subject : RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Federal Earmarks 📎 2 attachments
To : Tiffany Buker <tbuker@poestenkillny.com>
Cc : Allen, Nicole T. <nallen@labergegroup.com>

Tiffany-

As discussed, attached please find a contract addendum to prepare the earmark request(s).

After conferring with the board, please let me know which (if any) earmarks you would like us to pursue.

Thank you!

Ben

From: Tiffany Buker <tbuker@poestenkillny.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2022 10:56 AM
To: Syden, Benjamin H. <bsyden@labergegroup.com>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: Federal Earmarks

If your team were to do the applications for us, what would the cost be?

From: "bsyden" <bsyden@labergegroup.com>
To: "Tiffany Buker" <tbuker@poestenkillny.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2022 2:16:19 PM
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Federal Earmarks

<https://www.schumer.senate.gov/congressionally-directed-spending>

From: Syden, Benjamin H.
Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2022 2:16 PM
To: Tiffany Buker <tbuker@poestenkillny.com>
Subject: Federal Earmarks
Importance: High

Hi Tiff-

It was a pleasure speaking with you about the release of the request for applications for congressional earmarks. As discussed, each member of congress can select up to 15 projects to submit to the appropriations committee for review, negotiation and final inclusion into the

FY2023 federal budget. (Note: members of the US Senate also submit projects, but I do not know how many move into the negotiation round).

Each application (Schumer, Gillibrand and Delgado) takes approximately 8-12 hours to complete. They are not technically difficult and are online applications. However, they do need letters of support, community plans, resolutions, etc as well as the requisite narratives and standard information.

Here is the link to Gillibrand: <https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/fiscal-year-2023-appropriations>

Here is the link to Delgado: Not available yet - <https://delgado.house.gov/services/community-project-funding>

I am not sure if you or your Trustees are interested in taking this on, or if you would like to have my team do the work. We can schedule the application for next week if you want us to prepare the applications. If this is the case, I can send over an addendum for your signature.

Please let me know by Monday if you can.

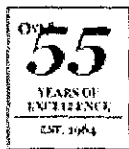
Thank you!

Ben

Benjamin H. Syden - A.I.C.P.

Vice President

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CONTRACT ADDENDUM No. 2021151-01 FY2023 CDS.PDF
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RESOLUTION:
TOWN OF POESTENKILL TOWN BOARD
AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING
GRANT APPLICATION TO CREATE WATER DISTRICT #2 IN RESPONSE TO ELEVATED
LEVELS OF PFOA/PFAS IN THE WELL WATER SERVING ALGONQUIN MIDDLE
SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the United States House of Representatives and United States Senate has opened a call for applications for the FY 2023 Community Project Funding program; and

WHEREAS, the Community Project Funding program provides an opportunity for high priority public health safety, and welfare projects to compete for federal appropriations; and

WHEREAS, Algonquin Middle School, located near the intersection of Routes 66 and 351 in the Town of Poestenkill, is served by two water supply wells (Well #1 and Well #2) located on the property. As required by the State's new public water supply drinking water regulations, initial sampling for PFAS in the school's water supply wells was conducted on Jan. 7, 2021. Results showed levels of 13 ppt of PFOA in both wells on school grounds, exceeding the MCL of 10 ppt. Out of an abundance of caution, after reviewing results with RCDOH, the Averill Park School District shut off drinking water fountains at the school and began providing bottled water to ensure students and staff were not exposed to contamination while confirmation samples were being collected; and

WHEREAS, the public water supply wells were retested on February 1, 2021, and results indicated that PFOA was detected in both wells at 12 ppt. Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS), another PFAS, was also detected but below its MCL of 10 ppt.

WHEREAS, the Town of Poestenkill has determined the need to expand their water system stems from the joint investigation by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, New York State Department of Health, and Rensselaer County Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Poestenkill has commissioned the development of a Map, Plan and Report for the creation of Water District #2 to provide the community with a safe and reliable source of drinking water; and

WHEREAS, Phase 1 of the water improvement project consists of installing water infrastructure from District No. 1 to the middle school, down Liberty Lane, and throughout Algonquin Estates. These areas can be serviced with sufficient pressure from the existing water tank and the improvements will solve the immediate need for clean water supply to areas that have seen contamination; and

WHEREAS, the Preliminary Opinion of Cost for Phase 1 of the water improvement project is projected to exceed \$5 million; therefore

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to undertake all actions to execute and file an application for federal assistance through the Community Project Funding via Congressman Delgado, Senator Schumer and/or Senator Gillibrand to assist in the creation of Water District #2 to protect the health, welfare and safety of Town residents.

On a motion by _____ seconded by _____, the foregoing Resolution was adopted on a vote of ___ Ayes, ___ Nays and ___ Absents. The Supervisor declared the Resolution adopted.

DATED: