

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: August 4, 2022

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Regina Flores, Director – Procurement Division, Department of Administrative Services

Subject: Status Report – The Rock Sound Study

File Type: Informational Report

At its meeting on June 15, 2022, the Committee on Audit requested an informational report on the status of The Rock Sound Study from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) Procurement Division.

POLICY

This report aligns to the following Code of Ordinances:

- [Chapter 42: Targeted Business Enterprise Participation in County Contracting](#)
- [Chapter 56: Administrative Code for Milwaukee County, 56.30 – Professional Services](#)

BACKGROUND

On June 15, 2022 Procurement executed a contract with Resource Systems Group, Inc, pursuant to RFP 98210006 Sound Study resulting from [File 20-510](#) and is effective for twelve (12) months and consists of four project phases: Project Kick-Off, Perform, Recommendation, and Final Report.

Pursuant to [File 22-400](#), Procurement reviewed, negotiated, and approved scope modifications to Resource System Group (RSG), Inc.'s submitted proposal response. The original budget for the study requested by the Board was for \$309,000. File 22-400 approved an allocation of \$200,000.

Sound Study Project Updates

The project team has completed the objectives listed within Phase I, and have begun work within Phase II (A), (B), and (C). The initial virtual kick-off meeting occurred on June 22, 2022. It is anticipated Phase II work will conclude by Spring 2023.

Sound Monitoring

Equipment has been installed at three location points: eastern, western, and north western. These sites were approved upon evaluation of a sound contour map to indicate where the impacts were relatively higher and/or representative of the impacts to the communities. The original intention was to place monitors on the Rock Sports Complex itself, however, the County did not receive permission from The Complex to place long-term monitors on its premises. Efforts remain underway to capture data on its premises. Additionally, attended monitoring is scheduled for Saturday, August 6, 2022 – weather permitting, which requires project team members to physically record sound within the neighboring area including but not limited to backyards and sidewalks, with permission from the resident. Permission to conduct attended monitoring has been requested to the Rock Sports Complex but has yet to be granted at the time of this submitted report. Scope modification may be necessary if cooperation is not achieved.

Long-term sound monitoring sites:

- Eastern monitor representative of the Greendale community east of 76th St., south of the Greendale border where the sound model showed the Rock Sports Complex sound levels in this area were at or above the homes in Greendale and is representative of the most impacted homes.
- Western monitor representative of the sound impacts of this community around Hawthorne Ln and is confirmed that it is representative of the higher noise impacts within this community.
- North-Western monitor located on the ski-hill with direct line-of-sight or near direct line-or-sight to all major sound-generating sources at the Complex and away from major roads.

The project team downloads long-term monitoring audio, sound level, and meteorological data every 7 to 10 days. The team will use the A-weighting network, which was developed to represent human hearing sensitivity across audible frequencies to determine sound impacts of the project to humans. This will identify noise-sensitive human use areas through review of aerial graphics of the project area and we will confirm these locations during the sound monitoring survey conducted in Phase II.

Community Engagement

A virtual public-meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, August 30, 2022, from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM (CST). A conference room at the Glendale Library will be available for interested parties that do not have internet access. The purpose of the meeting is intended to provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding what a sound study is, progress of the sound study, and provide attendees the opportunity to provide feedback and ask questions concerning the timeline of the project. RSG and its certified Targeted Business Enterprise (TBE) subcontractor will lead the presentation and the Procurement Division will serve as the facilitator for the event.

Meetings and updates occur weekly, or as needed. The project team is prepared to adapt where needed which includes transparent updates to stakeholders, and requests for assistance such as Milwaukee County Sheriff escort to mitigate interference to equipment sites and attended monitoring.

Targeted Business Enterprise

RSG has added to its project team Bowlby Associates, a certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE). Bowlby Associates will provide capacity for downloading audio, sound, and meteorological data files. Certified DBE Beth Foy & Associates remains on the project team responsible for public outreach coordination and reporting, sound monitoring, and documentation reporting. The total anticipated TBE spend for the project is \$25,000, or 12.5%.

FISCAL EFFECT

The report is informational only and there is no fiscal impact.

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

Suzanne Carter, Procurement, Department of Administrative Services
Heather Reindl, Economic Development, Department of Administrative Services
Dana Lodico, Resource Systems Group, Inc.
Elizabeth Foy, Beth Foy and Associates, LLC

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Regina Flores, Procurement Director, Department of Administrative Services

APPROVED BY:

Aaron Hertzberg, Department of Administrative Services Director

ATTACHMENTS:

Resource Systems Groups, Inc. Modified Sound Study Scope
Installed Monitor Map

cc: