

DENVER BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: October 14, 2009

Board Item: V-E-1

Contract with Point B, Inc. for a CIS Phase II Project Manager

Action by Consent

Action

Information

Contract# 12596A

Following the successful implementation of the CIS project in early July of this year, the project team has been working through the "whitewater" phase of the project. This phase has involved extensive support of the business operations running under the new system, and implementation of various system refinements. The whitewater phase is likely to continue for another six to eight weeks, until all related business processes and underlying technology solutions are running effectively and efficiently. Concurrent with completing the whitewater phase, the CIS project team is also engaged in the planning activities to define the detailed scope for the Phase 2 CIS project. We expect to be prepared to launch the Phase 2 project in January, 2010.

While both the whitewater phase is winding down and the scope for Phase 2 is being determined, Liz Coppinger, our CIS project manager from of Point B, Inc. will be leaving Denver Water to pursue other opportunities. We recognize that Liz has been very instrumental in the success of the CIS initiative, and that continuity of a strong project manager is important for completion of the whitewater phase and continued success with the phase 2 project.


Bob Palazzo of Point B, Inc. has been selected as our CIS Phase 2 project manager. Bob has been working alongside Liz over the past several weeks on a no-cost basis to ensure a smooth transition following Liz's departure. This contract with Point B, Inc. is for a one year period, services will be charged at the existing contract rate of \$178 / hour, for a total amount of \$350,000. Funding for this contract is budgeted in 2009 and 2010 under MPC: 3HN0015.

It is anticipated that there may be additional project management services and related expenses for continuing CIS initiatives beyond September 30, 2010. Staff will have more definitive insights to share with the Board on this by mid-year 2010.


Recommendation:


It is recommended the Board approve this contract with Point B, Inc. for project management services to be provided by Bob Palazzo, over a twelve month period, at a cost not to exceed \$250,000.

Approvals:


Chris Dermody, Director of IT

Respectfully submitted,


H. J. Barry, Manager


Patricia L Wells,
General Counsel