

DENVER BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: February 9, 2011

Board Item: V-E-7

**Contract Amendment with The Confluence Group, LLC. for Enterprise Application Integration Services**

Action by Consent

Action

Information

Contract# 12206A

Denver Water’s IT application integration architecture is based on the TIBCO suite of products and will reach a point of steady state maturity in the next 12-18 months. To prepare additional Denver Water employees for the task of designing, building, and maintaining this investment over the long term, expert mentorship and guidance is required. Additionally, two key TIBCO-trained contractor resources have recently left Denver Water, and a third will leave within the next 6 – 8 months. Shedding of these resources puts deliveries of many 2011 Advancement projects at risk. Without replacing these integration resources, the projects at risk include: Enterprise Time Keeping (Kronos), Customer Service Field Mobilization, T&D Mobilization, IT Disaster Recovery, Water Network Integration, and Engineering Work Planning and Estimating, to name a few.

In order to mitigate these risks, we plan to replace the two contractors who left this past month with one contractor engaged through The Confluence Group. This contractor will address the tactical needs of finishing the integration work needed for the projects mentioned above, as well as focuses on the development of longer term in-house TIBCO capabilities of Denver Water employees.

Additionally, we plan to replace the third contractor leaving in October with an existing employee who is being trained in the specific integration technology skills over the next eight months.

Services provided under this contract amendment with The Confluence Group will be charged at the rate of \$122/hour, plus expenses not to exceed \$8,000. Funding for this contract amendment is made available in the 2011 IT budgeted as a result of the three exiting contractors mentioned above.

Recommendation:

It is recommended the Board approve this contract amendment with The Confluence Group, LLC for the services of Henri van den Bulk for an additional twelve months, for an additional amount not to exceed \$239,800. This extension will bring the contract amount with The Confluence Group to a total of \$1,698,800.

**Approvals:**



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Respectfully submitted,



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