



Staff Report

AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: August 10, 2026

SUBMITTED BY: Courtney Sladek, Administration

ITEM TYPE: Resolutions

AGENDA SECTION: CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON

SUBJECT: Resolution R2026-40 Authorizing the Selection of Urban Engineering to Provide Professional Engineer Services for the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) FY2025 Disaster Supplemental Program for the U.S. Highway 59 Economic Development Utility Extension Project and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement

BACKGROUND: The City is pursuing funding through the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) FY2025 Disaster Supplemental Program to extend water and wastewater infrastructure along the U.S. Highway 59 corridor. The project will support the proposed expansion of Prasek's Family Smokehouse, one of the region's largest employers, while positioning the City for future commercial and industrial growth along the corridor.

The proposed water and wastewater infrastructure will be intentionally oversized to accommodate future development beyond the immediate needs of the project. This approach maximizes the long-term value of the investment by creating additional capacity for future businesses and supporting continued economic growth along the U.S. Highway 59 corridor.

The City issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for professional engineering services in accordance with applicable federal procurement requirements. Statements of qualifications were received from Urban Engineering, Pape-Dawson, WGA LLC, Strand Engineers, Lynn Engineering, Scheibe Consulting, and Fulcrum Consulting Services. Following an evaluation of the firms' qualifications, experience, technical capabilities, and ability to successfully perform the required services. Staff recommends the selection of Urban Engineering to provide engineering design, bidding, construction phase services, and other engineering services necessary to complete the project.

In addition to the EDA FY2025 Disaster Supplemental application, the City intends to pursue funding through the EDA Public Works Program for the same project. The Disaster Supplemental Program requires a 20 percent local match,

which will be provided by Prasek's Family Smokehouse. The EDA Public Works Program requires a 40 percent local match. Pursuing both funding opportunities positions the City to maximize available federal funding while advancing infrastructure that supports an existing regional employer and creates capacity for future economic development.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no immediate financial impact associated with approval of this resolution other than the negotiation of a professional engineering services agreement. If grant funding is awarded, engineering costs will be included within the grant budget. The required local match for the Disaster Supplemental Program will be provided by Prasek's Family Smokehouse. Any future grant awards and associated project budgets will be presented to the City Council for consideration.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. R2026-40 selecting Urban Engineering as the City's engineering firm for the EDA FY2025 Disaster Supplemental Program and authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary professional engineering services agreement.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Resolution No. 2026-40 EDA Grant Engineering Urban.pdf](#)

[City of El Campo RFQ EDA FY2025 Disaster Supplemental Program - UE SOQ 072126.pdf](#)