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Subject: Re: Lead and Copper Rules Revisions Compliance - RFQ 2026-02

Mathew:

Before our meeting last week, I sent out the spreadsheet to all the commissioners along with the DPH instructions on selection. When we met, the commissioners decided to do the evaluation together - thus the summary report I sent you. The reports that the engineering firms sent are very thorough and answered all our questions we might have had if we physically met. I did not see in the DPH process a mandate that we had to physically meet but it is possible that I missed it. Be that as it may, I believe it would not change our selection for the following reasons: 1 - Arcadis is a local firm and not from Massachusetts or New Jersey, 2 - Arcadis is actually doing the work next door in New London so resources can be shared while doing the work in Ledyard, 3 - Groton Utilities has worked with Arcadis for several years and they have demonstrated to be a reliable consultant. it should be noted that we are already behind schedule and the impact to the town in not meeting a 2027 deadline could have financial consequences. Terry has proposed the following questions to help move this process along.

Do we need to get the town attorney and mayor involved with the contract?

The mayor executes all contracts - **should probably have the town attorney review it**.

What is the exact language that says in-person interviews are a requirement for selection?

You would need to contact the state

Is that a State requirement or language that appears only in the local ordinance? If only local, can we request an exemption from the Town Council?

I'm solely referring to any requirements of the grant. You would need to contact the state directly. I was not part of the grant process.

Has the first selection we made been made public? (If so, then there could be challenges from the non-selected companies if the procedure were, in fact, not followed.) - I believe we made a recommendation to finance without any final selection officially announced

Your minutes from 10/28/25 state the following:

If you are looking to push that to finance, you would need to get on their agenda.

 What is the schedule impact of having to go back and conduct interviews? (I think it would be two or three weeks, at least.)

I don't have an answer for that.

What is the effect of such a delay on compliance with State mandates for conduct of the inventory and what might the penalties be?

I don't have an answer for that - I am not involved with the state relative to this matter.

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Hopefully we can move this along while in compliance.

Ed Lynch, WPCA

Mobile 646-732-9224Ed,

Sorry for the delay - I've been out of the office dealing with a personal matter.

Did the authority members actually interview the firms and staff that would be working on the projects ?

There is a whole list of criteria that needed to be followed. Where are the individual evaluation forms from the interview process ?

This excel document is not going to suffice to back up the selection.

Please advise.

Thank you,

Matt

Final Tally of the DPH lead survey engineering proposals - the commissioners all agreed to the results. Arcadia particularly as they are engaged in a large local project in New London. Let us know if there are any questions.

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Was the guidance from the State of CT followed ? we will need that documentation

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