

**RESOLUTION 25-121**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE STV, INC. FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR  
NEPA FOR JIM WARREN ROAD BRIDGE OVER I-65 IMPROVEMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Spring Hill desires to contract with an outside consultant to provide professional services for NEPA study services for the Jim Warren Road bridge replacement, services which the City cannot provide itself; and

**WHEREAS**, the City advertised for qualified consulting firms to submit Letters of Interest and subsequently, selected two firms to prepare Statements of Qualifications; and

**WHEREAS**, staff has reviewed and evaluated the two selected firms based on workload capacity, staff availability, past performance on related projects, project approach and methodology, and key staff qualifications and experience on similar projects; and

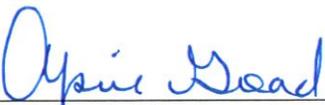
**WHEREAS**, City staff recommends selection of STV, Inc. for the NEPA study services for the Jim Warren Road bridge over I-65 improvements.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the City of Spring Hill Board of Mayor and Aldermen approves STV, Inc. be selected for the NEPA study services for the Jim Warren Road bridge over I-65 Improvements and authorize the Mayor to sign a task order for said services.

**Passed and Adopted by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Spring Hill, Tennessee on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.**

  
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Matt Fitterer, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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April Goad, City Recorder

LEGAL FORM APPROVED:

  
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Patrick Carter, City Attorney



**SUBMITTED BY:** Missy Stahl, CIP Director

**DATE:** May 5, 2025

**RE:** To approve Resolution 25-121 to select STV, Inc. for NEPA Consultant Services for Jim Warren Road bridge over I-65 improvements

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**BACKGROUND:**

The City of Spring Hill is anticipating improvements of the Jim Warren Road bridge over I-65. As part of this project, the City is required to complete a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) study prior to advancing design and construction phases. The City does not have the in-house expertise to perform NEPA services; therefore, the City initiated an RFQ selection process to secure a professional consultant.

The City advertised Letters of Interest from qualified firms and selected two to submit Statements of Qualifications. After reviewing each firm's workload capacity, staff availability, and project methodology, City staff recommends selecting STV, Inc. to complete the NEPA study.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of Resolution 25-121 to select STV, Inc. for NEPA services for Jim Warren Road bridge over I-65 improvements.



**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
CITY OF SPRING HILL, TENNESSEE  
AND STV, INC.**

**THIS AGREEMENT** is made this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025, by and between **CITY OF SPRING HILL, TENNESSEE** (hereinafter "City"), and **STV INCORPORATED dba STV ENGINEERS, INC.** (hereinafter "Consultant").

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, the City has determined to enter into an agreement with a consulting firm to assist with NEPA services for the Jim Warren Road bridge replacement project; and

**WHEREAS**, the City submits that it has the authority to contract with Consultant to provide professional services for the work desired by the City; and

**WHEREAS**, by entering into this Agreement, Consultant affirms that it has extensive experience providing such services in a professional manner in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement as well as the standard of care practiced by other consultants and professionals performing similar services within the industry.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the premises and recitals hereinabove set forth, which are incorporated herein by reference, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, and the mutual covenants contained herein, the City and Consultant agree as follows:

**ARTICLE 1 - SCOPE OF SERVICES TO BE RENDERED BY CONSULTANT**

1. Consultant shall perform all necessary professional services in a satisfactory and proper manner, consistent with the City's requirements for the Project and by reference made a part hereof, including, but not be limited to, the following:

Task 1 - Project Management and TDOT Local Programs Guidance

This task consists of general project management, administrative, and accounting activities for the project. Coordination activities will consist of preparing and distributing project correspondence, scheduling of meetings, and discussion of project elements with internal consultant team members and the City. This task also includes the day-to-day management of the STV Team, resource planning, client coordination, and maintaining an understanding of all tasks and how they are progressing.

In addition to the above, STV will provide local programs guidance to the City.

Task 1 Deliverables:

- Meeting agendas and minutes
- Monthly invoices and progress reporting

- Monthly management meeting (STV Team and City)
- Project schedule

#### Task 2 – Environmental Technical Studies

STV and its subconsultants will complete the required technical resource studies for the project. It is assumed that the required document will be a TEER or a Categorical Exclusion. The following studies and tasks are required for the TEER or NEPA document and will be completed as part of this scope of services unless otherwise noted:

- Prepare early coordination packet for TDOT to determine any additional technical studies requirements beyond archeology and historic resources, noise and air, and ecology. None are expected at this time; however, this will be determined once early coordination is completed.
- Prepare appropriate Environmental Technical Study Area (ETSA) map using readily available GIS data.
- Prepare all documentation related to project funding, project overview and description, project termini, and existing conditions.
- Develop draft Need and Purpose Statement for inclusion in the draft environmental document.
- Describe the range of alternatives considered for the corridor and identify the selected alternative.
- Incorporate summary of public outreach documentation in the draft environmental document.
  - o For purposes of this TEER or NEPA document, it is assumed that public meetings and/or outreach will not be required, so any public outreach documentation will be based on previously conducted meetings with the public.
- Identify right-of-way acquisition and easement requirements.
- Identify any residential, business, or non-profit displacements and relocations.
- Describe any changes in access control.
- Environmental Studies
  - o Water Resources — identify wetlands or natural habitats that may be impacted.
  - o Protected Species — coordinate with United States Fish and Wildlife Services, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation, and conduct field review study. It is assumed that bat surveys will not be required.
  - o Floodplain Management — identify the applicable Flood Emergency Management Agency Flood Zone(s).
  - o Air Quality — conduct the appropriate air quality study to address transportation conformity and Mobile Source Air Toxics (MSATs).
  - o Noise Analysis — Determine which level of analysis is required (Type I or Type III project) and complete the required field study and analysis.
  - o Farmland — Determine if farmland is being taken for the project and

converted to a transportation use. This will determine if it is subject to the Farmland Protection Policy Act

- o Cultural Resources — an archeology and historic resources study will be conducted. Results will be coordinated as necessary with the Tennessee State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and native American tribes.
- o Section 4(f) — it is assumed that a detailed section 4(f) study/analysis will not be required.
- o Section 6(f) — it is assumed that a detailed section 6(I) study/analysis will not be required.
- o Environmental Justice — U.S. Census data will be analyzed for any disproportionately high or adverse effects on low-income or minority populations.
- o Hazardous Materials — it is assumed that a hazardous materials study will not be required.
- Environmental Commitments — If environmental commitments are to be made, they will be documented in the “Green Sheet” at the beginning of the NEPA document.
- All study and analysis documentation will be compiled in the draft Categorical Exclusion document and submitted to TDOT for review. Upon receipt of comments, a comment disposition form will be completed, and the revised document will be submitted to TDOT along with the comment disposition form.

#### Task 2 Deliverables:

- Draft technical studies for review by the appropriate agency (TDOT, SHPO, FHWA, etc.)
- Final technical studies for review by the appropriate agency (TDOT, SHPO, FHWA, etc.)

#### Task 3 – TEER or NEPA Document

Based on the technical studies and coordination described in Task 1, STV will develop a draft TEER or Categorical Exclusion document based on the standard TDOT templates (provided by TDOT). The document will include all appendices and technical study documentation as required, as well as a “Green Sheet” for any environmental commitments of the project.

STV will develop the draft environmental document and submit to TDOT for review and comment. Upon review completion, STV will address all comments, prepare a comment disposition sheet, and submit the final document for review and approval.

#### Task 3 Deliverables:

- Environmental Commitment “Green Sheet”
- Draft Categorical Exclusion document
- Final Categorical Exclusion document

2. All documents prepared by Consultant that form a part of the services rendered hereunder shall, upon completion of the exhibits, calculations, draft reports, presentation material, etc. will become the property of the City. Such documents shall not be used by either party on any other project, except as reference materials.

3. The City will furnish all information, data, reports and maps as are existing and identified by Consultant as necessary for carrying out the work that are available to the City without cost to Consultant.

**ARTICLE 2 – CITY’S RESPONSIBILITIES**

The City will provide to Consultant all criteria and full information as to the Project’s requirements, and shall furnish the following:

- 1. Provide Consultant with all known available information that is pertinent to the Project.
- 2. Meet with Consultant for ongoing discussions to assist in directing the consultant.
- 3. Give thorough consideration to all reports, exhibits or technical memorandums and other documents presented by Consultant and inform Consultant of all decisions within a reasonable time so as not to delay the work of Consultant (i.e. furnish approval or instructions for change).
- 4. Promptly schedule all required special meetings, serve all public and private notices, receive and act upon all protests.
- 5. Designate, in writing, a single person to act as Consultant point of contact with the City. The contact person for the City of Spring Hill will be Pamela S. Caskie, City Administrator.
- 6. Give prompt written notice to Consultant when it is known that either the Project criteria or conditions have changed, or there is reason to believe Consultant work is deficient in intent or technical content.

**ARTICLE 3 - TERM**

1. The services of the Consultant shall be undertaken for a period of eighteen months from date of execution.

**ARTICLE 4 - FEES**

1. In consideration of the performance of services rendered under this Contract, Consultant shall be compensated for services performed in accordance with the cost proposal outlined below.

STV Incorporated will be compensated a lump sum amount of \$201,000 for services performed per Article 1.

2. Invoices shall be submitted by Consultant to the City in monthly statements for services rendered, if any. The statements shall show the detail of work performed, hours, employees and any reimbursable expenses. Each individual invoice shall be due and payable thirty (30) days after receipt.

3. If the City disputes any portion of Consultant invoices, the undisputed portion will be paid by the City, and Consultant will be notified in writing within ten (10) days of receipt of the exceptions taken to such invoice. The City and Consultant will attempt to resolve any payment dispute within sixty (60) days, and both parties agree that no action for collection thereon shall be filed within this time period.

**ARTICLE 5 – NOTICE**

All notices, certificates or other communications hereunder shall be deemed sufficiently given and shall be deemed given when delivered by hand-delivery or mailed by first class, postage prepaid, registered or certified mail and addressed as follows:

If to Consultant: STV Inc.  
4037 Rural Plains Circle, Suite 270  
Franklin, TN 37064

If to City: Attn: Chris Clausi  
Title: Interim City Administrator  
199 Town Center Parkway  
Spring Hill, TN 37174

Copy to: Patrick M. Carter, Esq.  
City Attorney  
P.O. Box 1431  
Columbia, TN 38402-1431

**ARTICLE 6 - TERMINATION**

1. This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days' written notice should the other party fail substantially to perform in accordance with the terms outlined herein through no fault of the party initiating the termination.

2. This Agreement may be terminated by Consultant in the event that the City permanently abandons the Project.

3. In the event of termination by either party, Consultant shall be compensated for all services performed prior to the termination date.

**ARTICLE 7 - DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND GOVERNING LAW**

1. The City and Consultant shall attempt to resolve conflicts or disputes under this Agreement in a fair and reasonable manner and agree that if an informal resolution cannot be achieved, the parties shall submit the matter to a mutually agreed upon mediator in an attempt to resolve the dispute through the mediation process. Such mediation process shall be initiated by a request in writing by either party.

2. The mediation provision can be waived by the mutual consent of the parties or by either party if such party's right would be irrevocably prejudiced by a delay in initiating a legal proceeding.

3. **Governing Law, Venue and Jurisdiction:** This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Tennessee. The venue and jurisdiction for any dispute arising pursuant to this Agreement shall be in the Circuit Court for Maury County, Tennessee.

#### **ARTICLE 8 – BREACH**

1. The term “breach of agreement” specifically includes, but is not limited to, failure to comply with any applicable federal, state or local laws or regulations.

2. One or more waivers of breach of any provision of this Agreement by any party shall not be construed as a waiver of subsequent breach of the same provision, nor shall it be considered a waiver of any other then existing or subsequent breach of a different provision.

#### **ARTICLE 9 - MODIFICATION**

This Agreement shall not be modified unless such modifications are evidenced in writing in the form of a written Amendment, which is signed by both the City and Consultant. Should any changes in the design of the Project be necessary, the City's designee shall report such change to Consultant in writing. If the City determines that any changes in work are necessary to complete the Project, then Consultant shall be allowed compensation based upon the original contract terms, including the additional work in the overall cost of the construction of the Project.

#### **ARTICLE 10 - INDEMNITY AND HOLD HARMLESS**

1. To the extent that the law permits, the City shall agree to indemnify and hold Consultant, its officers, agents and/or employees, harmless from and against any and all lawsuits, damages and expenses, including court costs and attorneys' fees, by reason of any claim and/or liability imposed, claimed and/or threatened against the Consultant, its officials, agents and/or employees, for damages because of bodily injury, death and/or property damages arising out of or in consequence of the performance of services under this Agreement to the extent that such bodily injuries, death and/or property damages are attributable to the negligence of the City, its agents, employees, or any other entity for which the City may be found to be legally liable. This provision shall survive the completion of all services, obligation and duties provided pursuant to the Project, or the termination of this Agreement for any reason.

2. Consultant shall agree to indemnify, defend and hold the City, its officers, agents and/or employees, harmless from and against any and all lawsuits, damages and expenses, including court costs and attorneys' fees, by reason of any claim and/or liability imposed, claimed and/or threatened against City, its officials, agents and/or employees, for damages because of bodily injury, death and/or property damages arising out of or in consequence of the performance of services under this Agreement to the extent that such bodily injuries, death and/or property damages are attributable to the negligence of Consultant, its agents, employees, or any other entity for which Consultant may be found to be legally liable. This provision shall survive the completion of all services, obligation and duties provided pursuant to the Project, or the termination of this Agreement for any reason.

#### **ARTICLE 11 – INSURANCE**

Consultant shall maintain, during the term of this Agreement, or any extension hereof, the following insurance policy, written by an insurance company authorized to do business within the State of Tennessee, and furnish City, in duplicate, Certificates of Insurance as evidence thereof:

1. Worker's Compensation: Providing coverage in compliance with the laws of the state in which any part of the work is to be performed, and Employer's Liability Coverage in the minimum amount of the statutory limit for each occurrence.

2. Comprehensive (Commercial) General Liability Insurance: Bodily injury and property damage combined single limit in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000.00 for each occurrence.

3. Automobile (Business) Liability Insurance: Bodily injury and property damage combined single limit in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000.00 for each occurrence, \$1,000,000.00 aggregate.

4. Professional Liability Insurance: Professional liability insurance covering claims arising from errors, omissions or negligent acts committed in the performance of professional services under this Agreement with limits of \$1,000,000.00.

#### **ARTICLE 12 - SEVERABILITY**

In the event any provision of this Agreement or any instrument delivered in connection herewith shall be held invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not invalidate or render unenforceable any other provisions hereof or thereof.

#### **ARTICLE 13 - BINDING EFFECT**

This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding upon the parties and their respective heirs, administrators, successors and assigns.

#### **ARTICLE 14 - INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR RELATIONSHIP**

It is specifically understood that Consultant relationship with City shall be that of independent contractor and Consultant shall in no sense be considered an agent or employee of City, nor shall Consultant be, as a result of the relationship established by this Agreement, entitled to or eligible to participate in any benefits or privileges extended or given by City to its employees, notwithstanding this Agreement.

**ARTICLES 15 - HEADINGS AND EXHIBITS**

The paragraph headings in this Agreement are for convenience only, and they form no part of this Agreement and shall not affect its interpretation.

**ARTICLE 16 - FORCE MAJEURE**

Consultant shall not be liable to City or be deemed to be in breach of this Agreement for any failure or delay in rendering performance arising out of causes beyond Consultant reasonable control and without its fault or negligence. Such causes may include, but are not limited to, acts of God or the public enemy, terrorism, significant fires, floods, earthquakes, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, or Governmental Authorities approval delays which are not caused by any act or omission by Consultant and unusually severe weather. Consultant agrees to notify City of the existence and nature of any delay.

**ARTICLE 17 – ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement and accompanying documents contain the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and all prior or contemporaneous written or oral agreements with respect to the subject matter hereof are superseded hereby.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the City has caused this Agreement to be signed by its authorized representative, and Consultant has caused this Agreement to be signed in its corporate name by its authorized representative as of the day and year first written above.

**CITY OF SPRING HILL, TENNESSEE**

By:   
Matt Fitterer, Mayor

**STV, INC.**

  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brad Thompson, Vice President