

**CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

ITEM: Council Bill 2021-407 - Guidehouse LLC Work Authorization #7 Amendment 2

MEETING DATE

October 18, 2021

ORIGINATING DEPT

Planning, Development & Neighborhood Services

SUMMARY

This Council Bill authorizes the execution of the second amendment to Work Authorization #7 of the Master Services Agreement for Professional Administrative Consulting Services with Guidehouse LLC (formerly known as PricewaterhouseCoopers Public Sector LLP) to provide final implementation, planning and administrative activities as they relate the Smarter Joplin Initiative and proposed Smarter Joplin CDBG-DR project.

BACKGROUND

The City of Joplin received two Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) grants from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the amounts of \$45,266,709 and \$113,276,000.

We are pleased to report that the \$113,276,000 grant has been expended and closeout procedures are underway. Remaining in the \$45,266,709 grant are the completion of Meals of Wheels improvements at the Senior Center and the planning and implementation of a Smarter Joplin infrastructure project.

Guidehouse commissioned a broadband gap analysis with Finley Engineering and CCG Consulting, both of whom have knowledge and experience in broadband deployment. A draft gap analysis has been completed. The draft is being reviewed with the intention to share with the Steering Committee and Working Group as well as City Council on November 15, 2021

This is the final Work Authorization amendment with Guidehouse and provides up to an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for Activity Delivery Costs which are part of determining implementation of a broadband resiliency project that is HUD compliant, the preparation of a technically appropriate an EDA grant application and completing the Disaster Resiliency Planning process.

FUNDING SOURCE

These payments are covered by the CDBG-DR Grant Funds.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval of the execution of Work Authorization #7 Amendment 2 for the continuation of the continuing consulting services with Guidehouse LLP (formerly known as PricewaterhouseCoopers Public Sector LLP) in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 on an emergency basis as provided for in Section 2.12(6) of the Home Rule Charter, due to impending finalization of current broadband infrastructure.

ATTACHMENTS

CB 2021-407, Guidehouse Work Authorization #7 Amendment