

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT:** POWER PLANT FIRE RISK MITIGATION CONTRACT

**BACKGROUND:**

This contract allows the Power Plant to have an engineering firm with fire protection expertise or a fire protection firm to act as the Owner's Engineer/Designer/Representative for various fire risk mitigation studies, for the preparation of specific fire system and installation design and specifications, and for fire system installation management, inspection and testing.

The scope of work requires the engineering firm to: 1) be the engineer for the areas listed above, 2) develop plans and specifications, 3) provide detailed cost estimates, 4) provide lists of potential bidders, 5) evaluate contractors, 6) carry out contract management, and 7) perform field installation administration as needed, required, and requested for each project. **Council should note that this engineering firm will not be allowed to bid on any part of the actual fire protection system installation.**

On December 18, 2012, City Council awarded a contract to Burns & McDonnell, Chesterfield, MO, for the Professional Services for Fire Risk Mitigation contract in a not-to-exceed amount of \$50,000. Included in the original contract were terms for up to four additional one-year terms. **Council should note that this is the first renewal out of four maximum.**

Funding is available from the Capital Improvements Plan in the Power Plant Fire Protection System Project. In the FY12/13 funding year, there remains \$884,933 unspent. Staff's intent is to roll this funding into FY13/14 to cover the contract expense.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the contract renewal with Burns & McDonnell, Chesterfield, MO, for the Professional Services for Fire Risk Mitigation contract for the one-year period from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.
2. Do not renew the agreement and instruct staff to seek new competitive proposals.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

This work is necessary for fire risk mitigation (fire detection, alarm, & suppression) to protect critical plant equipment. If not done, a loss event resulting from a fire could be catastrophic because electricity production could stop. It is cost-effective for the Power Plant to have a company under contract to provide these services because of their

specialized knowledge of current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) code requirements and of mitigation equipment currently utilized in this industry. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 as stated above.