

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: CHANGE ORDER #1 TO VIM TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

BACKGROUND:

The Power Plant is allowed to operate both steam generating boilers, Unit 7 and Unit 8, through a Title V Operating permit issued by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. The Operating permit requires, among other items, the two units to be monitored by a Continuous Emission Monitoring System (CEMS), analyzing certain emission gasses before it exits either exhaust stack. Once the data is collected by the CEMS, it is then used to assemble required reporting due to the state which must be submitted at different intervals throughout the year. These processes are most often maintained and performed by the Power Plant Environmental Instrument and Control (I&C) Technician. The Environmental I&C Technician position was vacant from June 2021 until December 2021 providing the need for support services from VIM Technologies Inc.

A contract with VIM Technologies Inc in the amount of \$43,900 written in June of 2021 was to provide monthly site visits, weekly data review, and the maintenance of the Data Acquisition and Handling System (DAHS). VIM Technologies also provided their COMPAS service package, assembling all environmentally regulated reports required on a quarterly, semi-annual, and annual basis. This contract was complete in December of 2021.

The action being requested is to approve Change Order No. 1 to extend the VIM Technologies COMPAS support service for an additional 6 months and also provide training sessions for the recently hired Environmental I&C Technician. This change order will add an additional \$24,200. This will bring the total contract amount to \$68,100.

The FY 2021/22 Power Plant Environmental Equipment Maintenance account had \$78,000 budgeted for these types of services. The additional \$24,200 for this change order will come from this account.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve contract Change Order No. 1 with VIM Technologies, Inc., of Glen Burnie, Maryland, for the amount of \$24,200.
2. Do not approve the change order and direct staff to operate the CEMS with limited understanding of the data collection and report submission.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Correctly handling the CEMS data and submitting correct and timely reports to the state and federal government is very important and a high priority. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative #1 as stated above.