



Rochelle Municipal Utilities Water/Water Reclamation

To: David Plyman

From: Kathy Cooper

Date: November 6, 2012

Re: Contract for Grant Services, Golden Prairie

As a result of the of the proposed expansion of the Nippon Sharyo manufacturing facility in Rochelle, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity(DCEO) has proposed to make available a grant up to \$750,000 to the City of Rochelle. The funds are to be used for infrastructure assistance, and to access them, the City must submit an application to DCEO on behalf of Nippon Sharyo USA, Inc.

It is the City's intent to use these funds to help pay for the construction of the new well on Hayes Road. A new well in the southeast industrial corridor will benefit not only the industrial users in the southeast corridor; it will also benefit all customers by increasing the capacity of the system. The IEPA is currently reviewing a project plan for the construction of a new well, and this will offset some of the cost of that well construction. The anticipated cost of the new well is \$595,000 and the cost for a well house is \$840,000.

Ellen Burgeson, doing business as Ellen Burgeson Inc., has provided grant assistance to Rochelle on other projects, including the First Avenue lift station upgrade, the Intermodal project, and the Centerpoint project, and the Steward Road overpass. Her expertise in dealing with the DCEO office and the requirements of the grants has freed staff to focus on the technical aspects of projects. The proposal from Ellen for the Golden Prairie project grant assistance is at a rate of \$75.00 per hour, with a total not to exceed \$8,500. This cost would increase if the scope of the project changes.

I recommend approval of the contract for Ellen Burgeson to provide grant assistance services.