



ONEIDA COUNTY
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Request for Action

Anthony J. Picente, Jr.
County Executive

Gerald J. Fiorini
Chairman, Board of Legislators

Date: 3/10/2025

Originating Department: Water Pollution

Request made by: Karl E. Schrantz

Request Type: Contracts

Regarding: Change Order 2 - C.O. Falter Construction (Contract C-8A - Secondary Treatment Upgrades)

Dear County Executive Picente,

We have been in discussion with our program Construction Manager (Ramboll) who has advised that the final costs associated with the work performed by C.O. Falter Construction Corp. (Contract C-8A General Construction) have been accounted for and the final Contract Price has been determined for the secondary treatment upgrades project at the Water Pollution Control Plant.

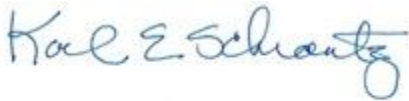
Therefore, I respectfully request that the Board of Acquisition and Contract approve Change Order No. 2 to the original agreement for General Construction (Laserfiche Number 133649). Change Order No. 2 increases the contract price from \$42,262,101.00 to \$42,551,656.59, through an increase of \$289,555.59 to the Contingency Allowance (Payment Item A-5).

This will provide supplemental funds necessary to close out the construction contract and to pay additional costs related to material cost escalations that were incurred over the course of the project due to delays and restrictions related to the Covid-19 pandemic. Specifically, the cost escalations were due to: (a) National shutdowns due to COVID-19 of manufacturing facilities who supply construction materials critical to the wastewater industry caused a continued extensive delay in construction material deliveries in addition to unprecedented material cost spikes; (b) Governor's Executive Orders established travel restrictions which severely hindered the ability for manufacturers to ship materials from out-of-state to Oneida County; and (c) Governor's Executive Orders caused businesses essential to the construction project to shut down for COVID-19 health and safety reasons.

Note that the HVAC, Electrical, and Plumbing contracts for this project were previously closed out and resulted in a collective reduction in their combined contract amounts by \$417,578.28. As a result, there are sufficient funds within the Capital Project account to fund the increase in the General Construction contract.

This proposed change order also includes changes in the dates of Substantial Completion and Final Completion, extending them to April 25, 20205 and May 23, 2025, respectively to accommodate the delays and restrictions which impacted the overall project schedule.

If this change order meets with your approval, I ask that you please forward it to the Board of Acquisition and Contract for its consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karl E. Schrantz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Karl E. Schrantz, P.E.
Commissioner
