



*Community and Economic
Development Department*

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 23, 2026
To: Alderman Kevin Frost, Chair,
Members of the Finance and Personnel Committee
From: Robert Wilhelmi, Brownfields Redevelopment Specialist
Re: Award of Professional Services Contract – 2026 Brownfields Assessment Assistance

CONTRACT DETAILS

Project: 2026 Brownfields Assessment Assistance

Vendor: Fehr Graham Engineering & Environmental – Rockford, IL

Contract Amount: \$125,000

Contract Duration: One year

Funding Source: Community & Economic Development Operating Budget

Staff from the Community & Economic Development Department recommends an award of contract to Fehr Graham Engineering & Environmental for professional services for environmental assessment and cleanup assistance at several City-wide priority brownfields sites as detailed in the attached proposal. Although Rockford currently has US EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant funds, there are several sites and brownfields related assessment and cleanup activities that are ineligible for Federal grant funds. In order to continue the momentum of the City's Brownfields Revitalization Initiative, Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments along with cleanup planning are needed to prepare potential redevelopment sites for cleanup with the assistance of US EPA Brownfields Cleanup grants and/or the City's US EPA Revolving Loan Fund Program. Assessing and cleaning up environmentally challenged properties not only removes blight and hazards from the community but can also be a key economic catalyst for underserved areas

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions.

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RESOLUTION
of the
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS
SUBMITTED BY: FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – 2026 BROWNFIELDS
ASSESSMENT ASSISTANCE

WHEREAS, the Compiled Statutes of the State of Illinois, in section 50 ILCS 510/5, provides for the selection of professional services shall, unless a satisfactory relationship already exists, be made through qualifications based selection and competitive, advertised requests for qualifications.

WHEREAS, a satisfactory relationship exists with an engineering firm to perform work for:

2026 BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT ASSISTANCE

WHEREAS, the Finance and Personnel Committee of the City Council for the City of Rockford, Illinois has reviewed the recommendation and proposal received for the aforementioned item(s) and recommends awarding an professional services agreement as follows:

Vendor: Fehr Graham Engineering & Environmental – Rockford, IL
Amount: \$125,000.00

WHEREAS, the Finance and Personnel Committee has determined that the funding for the aforementioned agreement shall be as follows:

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPERATING BUDGET

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Rockford, Illinois that the Mayor execute an agreement with FEHR GRAHAM ENGINEERING & ENVIRONMENTAL OF ROCKFORD, IL for 2026 BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT ASSISTANCE in the amount of \$125,000.00, subject to the specifications in the contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be in full force and effective immediately upon its adoption and the Legal Director is hereby authorized to prepare and deliver certified copies of this Resolution to the Central Services Manager.

The above and foregoing Resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Rockford, Illinois, this _____ day of _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

Thomas P. McNamara, Mayor
City of Rockford, Illinois

Angela L. Hammer, Legal Director and Ex-Officio
Keeper of the Records and Seal
City of Rockford, Illinois

Rockford, Illinois

Date: March 23, 2026

RECOMMENDATION FOR RESOLUTION

TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKFORD:

Council Members:

The Committee on Finance and Personnel having received a request hereby begs leave to report recommending **approval** of a professional services agreement with FEHR GRAHAM ENGINEERING & ENVIRONMENTAL OF ROCKFORD, IL for 2026 BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT ASSISTANCE in the amount of \$125,000.00. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate resolution.

Kevin Frost (Chair)

Jonathan Logemann (Vice Chair)

Frank Beach

Dawn Granath

Chad Tuneberg

Committee Action Taken:

Frost:	Ayes:___	Nays:___	Absent:___
Logemann:	Ayes:___	Nays:___	Absent:___
Beach:	Ayes:___	Nays:___	Absent:___
Granath:	Ayes:___	Nays:___	Absent:___
Tuneberg:	Ayes:___	Nays:___	Absent:___