



# Parks & Open Space

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**DATE:** September 23, 2025

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
Courtney Gabriel, Procurement Manager  
Therese Glowacki, Director

**FROM:** Sharla Benjamin, Engineer II

**SUBJECT:** Request for Bid Waiver in favor of Ramboll Americas  
Engineering Solutions, Inc.; Amendment No. 4

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**Background:**

The Parks and Open Space Department is requesting a Bid Waiver for services relating to RFP# 083-24; Cardinal Mill Environmental Remediation Project, that were not included in the original Scope of Work. The Contractor's original scope of work was to provide holistic technical guidance to the County as staff designed and installed a treatment system with in-house (County) capabilities along with working with a second Contractor to reach similar goals. The Contractor has proven to be an invaluable source of ideas and knowledge in the quest to reduce costs for the County and provide the lowest impact and lowest cost system to the Site and County. They have delivered all tasks in the original Contract in a timely and cost-efficient manner and above and beyond expectations, adding important information to conversations with our neighbors, partners and permitting officials.

This bid waiver request is to continue the original project intent and adding a new additional task, Discharge Permit Monitoring, as laid out in the Contractor's proposal, not to exceed the amount of \$307,750.00; The time period for the Work is specified as starting October 2025, continuing through December 2026.

**Boulder County Policy:**

Undue Delay or Hardship: The competitive procurement process will cause undue delay or hardship. Claims for undue delay or hardship must include each of the following elements:

- a. The delay or hardship due to competitive procurement would compromise the integrity of the project. However, requests based on this ground must explain why such procurement could not have been undertaken earlier;
- b. Failure to procure the service or product at that moment would result in a documented (e.g. email from vendor) substantial increase in costs due to the delay caused by competitive procurement requirements and market conditions beyond the control of the vendor;
- c. Identification of all other intermediate solutions (e.g. using other county resources or other available solutions) and explanation of why such solutions are insufficient or unavailable.

**Justification:**

This bid waiver is requested due to the highly multi-faceted and technical nature of this water quality improvement project and the urgent timeline to avoid State-imposed permit-related fees. The extension of the permit deadline, granted by the State, came after this contract was approved and begun, and all bidders were told about the uncertainties of the project and the possibility of extended timelines and additional future tasks unknown at the time of the initial procurement. It's clear that this Contractor has worked on the Project since the fall of 2024 and is best suited to continue with the additional Work, as described, for the best interest of the County and to continue moving toward meeting compliance with the State's requirements.

**Amount of Funding and Account Codes:**

\$307,750.00; 126.27202.74000.1005.103501.OS51.1416

**Term:**

The term of the contract will remain as December 31, 2029.

**APPROVAL:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Department Date

I certify this BID Waiver has been conducted in accordance with Boulder County policy. Procurement makes no representation regarding the evaluations or recommendations contained in this analysis.

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Procurement Date

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Chair, Board of Commissioners Date

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk to the Board Date

Date of Board Action: \_\_\_\_\_