



**Council Agenda Item 25-0486R**

**MEETING DATE:** June 16, 2025

**SUBJECT/TITLE:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT L30505 WITH CONFLUENCE INC. FOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE DESIGN AND CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE DULUTH SEAWALL, BAYWALK AND HARBOR PLAZA PROJECT.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Kooper Andringa, Project Tech, Property & Facilities Management

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** NA

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:**

20-0022R - This resolution established the City's top 2020 legislative priority: a request for \$13.5 million for the Duluth Coastal Infrastructure Rehabilitation Project to renew infrastructure on the DECC waterfront, Canal Park, the Lakewalk, and Brighton Beach.

21-0173R - This resolution authorized an agreement with Confluence, Inc. for preliminary DECC waterfront landscape architecture services including public engagement, stakeholder consultation, cost estimation, and pre-design drawings as part of the Duluth Coastal Infrastructure Rehabilitation Project.

22-0267R - This resolution authorized acceptance of \$4,938,067 from the United States Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration to reconstruct the DECC waterfront to accommodate large vessels including cruise ships.

22-0292R - This resolution amended agreement L30505 with Confluence Inc. to advance the project from pre-design to final design-development drawings.

23-0268R - This resolution authorizes application for and acceptance of a General Obligation Bond Grant in the amount of \$13,500,000 from the State of Minnesota for expenses directly related to predesign, design, construction, furnishing, and equipping of seawall and Lakewalk infrastructure with related surface improvements.

23-0453R - This resolution further amended agreement L30505 with Confluence Inc. to authorize additional design to accommodate cruise ships and construction administration services.

23-029R - This ordinance authorized sale of general obligation bonds in an amount up to \$2,700,000 to provide the local match for state and federal grants for the Duluth Coastal Infrastructure Rehabilitation Project.

24-0739R - This resolution further amended agreement L30505 with Confluence Inc. to authorize services including accommodation of aquarium operating requirements, address of previously unknown buried utility infrastructure, and examination of a future phase of construction to establish the area as an event plaza.

**BACKGROUND:** This contract, and subsequent amendments, authorized Confluence Inc. to provide comprehensive design services for the rehabilitation of public spaces along the DECC waterfront. Services included community engagement, stakeholder consultation, pre-design drawings, final drawings, construction administration services, and accommodation of unforeseen conditions and requirements.

**BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:** Amendment amount is \$28,560.00 which increases the overall budget to \$664,830.00 from the 2020 Capital Projects (Seawall) fund.

**OPTIONS:** Approve the resolution so as to complete the project and pay the vendor for services rendered.

**NECESSARY ACTION:** Approve.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Amendment document from Confluence Inc.