



## Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH MSA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, INC. FOR COASTAL INFRASTRUCTURE RESILIENCE OUTREACH FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$49,664.

### CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that the proper city officials are authorized to enter into an agreement, substantially in the form attached as Exhibit A, with MSA Professional Services, Inc. to provide public stakeholder and agency outreach in cooperation with Ramboll US Consulting, Inc. for a total amount not to exceed \$49,664, payable from fund 225-125-1815-5310-STORMAA (Disaster Recovery Fund; Finance; Storm Surge October 2018; Contract Services; Advance Assistance - Mitigation of Shoreline Storm Damage). MSA will provide education and build consensus about the coastal infrastructure coastal infrastructure resilience research and development project (Resolution No. 21-0336R) that will address bank collapse on the north shore and Minnesota Point as a result of storm surges.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution authorizes an agreement with MSA Professional Services, Inc. to convene and facilitate three (3) inter-agency advisory group meetings and three (3) public engagement sessions in close collaboration with Ramboll Consulting US Inc. leading the Research and Assessment services and MSA Professional Services (MSA), leading the Coastal Resilience Outreach services. A thorough, inclusive and effective outreach process improves the assessment and builds support for adoption and implementation of the strategies developed by Ramboll Consulting US Inc. to address bank collapse on the north shore and Minnesota Point.

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety - Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management submitted a successful application to FEMA for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Advanced Assistance (HMGP-AA) on behalf of the City of Duluth as sub applicant. HMGP funds are available to reduce or the eliminate risk to property and loss of life from future natural disasters. Duluth received \$285,977.25 to provide analysis and recommendations for remediation for shoreline areas that are at risk from future storms. The proposed sections are the North Shore from Brighton Beach to the French River and the soccer field on Minnesota Point. HMGP requires a 25% match of \$94,326.75 that will be met with City of Duluth in-kind staff time/materials and \$47,163.38 drawn from 225-125-1815-STRM1018 (Disaster Recovery Fund, Finance, Storm Surge October 2018, STRM1018-Storm Surge October 10, 2018) and a cash match from St. Louis County of \$47,163.38.

Purchasing issued a Request for Proposals on April 7, 2021 and received two responses. After a thorough evaluation, the proposal submitted by MSA received the highest score and is recommended for award. The names of the responding firms and their scores are listed below.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Score</u>
MSA Professional Services, Inc.	91
UMD/MNSeaGrant	84