

Council Agenda Item 26-0202R



MEETING DATE: March 23, 2026

SUBJECT/TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AGREEMENT L31184 WITH TRUEPANI, INC. FOR LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT - FILTER PITCHER AND TEST KIT SERVICES, TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT BY \$220,116.00 FOR A NEW TOTAL OF \$511,016.00.

SUBMITTED BY: Jon Maruska, Senior Engineering Specialist, Public Works & utilities – Engineering Division

RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: N/A

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: Passed on 3/24/2025 Resolution 25-0235RR authorizing an agreement with TruePani, Inc. for filter pitcher and test kit services for lead water service replacement projects for an amount not to exceed \$290,900.00.

BACKGROUND: Lead service line replacements (LSLRs) cause a temporary spike in the lead levels in water due to the disturbance of the existing pipes. The EPA’s Lead and Copper Rule Improvements and the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority lead replacement funding require distribution of a filter pitcher at the time of an LSLR and require offering a water test 4 months after the replacement. TruePani, Inc. was selected for contract L31184 through a competitive request for proposals to provide filter pitchers and test kits for Duluth’s 2025 LSLR projects. The original request for proposals stated that the contract could be extended if agreed upon by both parties. Duluth plans to replace approximately 1,270 lead service lines in 2026 and requires additional filter and test kit services. TruePani, Inc. has agreed to extend the pricing quoted in 2025 pricing for an additional year. The estimated cost for 2026 filter pitchers and test kits services of \$220,116.00 will provide an estimated 1,606 filter pitchers (one to each residential unit), 1,270 test kits (one to each building), 1,240 test kit reminder phone calls, approximately 993 lab tests of water samples, mail delivery of all materials, and project and data management.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT: Filter pitcher and test kits services for Duluth 2026 LSLR projects is \$220,116.00. Lead replacement project costs, including filter pitcher and test kit costs, are 100% reimbursable through the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority.

OPTIONS:

- 1) Approve – This option would allow continuation of required filter pitcher and test kit services for 2026 lead service line replacement projects and meet the requirements of the project funding.

- 2) Do Not Approve- Failure to approve this resolution would jeopardize lead service line replacement project funding and potentially expose residents to increased lead exposure during and after lead service line replacements.

NECESSARY ACTION: Approve.

ATTACHMENTS: None.