

City Engineer Vacancy

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- Due to the resignation of the City Engineer effective February 16, 2024, the City Engineer position is vacant.
- This position must be filled immediately as the City has several capital projects underway which need engineering services, a significant backlog of important capital projects, and the looming December 31, 2024, deadline to commit ARPA funds.
 - The City's Recovery Plan also recognizes, as a goal, the need for the City to address its significant capital infrastructure issues.
- Note that because engineering services are a professional service, an RFP is not required

City Charter and Recovery Plan

- The City Charter provides that the City Engineer position “shall be a professional civil engineer registered in Pennsylvania, or an engineering firm similarly registered.” (Charter 11.6-608).
- Under the recently approved Plan Modification, the Receiver has “the sole ability to initiate or approve any hiring; enact layoffs and/or terminations; convert full-time positions to part-time; restructure department operations including through consolidations or outsourcing; or reassign personnel, subject to the provisions of collective bargaining agreements if applicable. This shall include employees appointed by city elected officials per the Home Rule Charter. In making such decisions, the Receiver shall meet and discuss with the Mayor and City Council, but the Receiver shall have the power to enact any such decisions.”
 - Note: The Receiver met to discuss this matter with the Mayor and City Council on February 23, 2024

Recommended Engineering Firm

- The City's Chief of Staff contacted several engineering firms to obtain information on their services
- The City's Chief of Staff recommended that the City engage Colliers Engineering and Design as the City's Engineer based on its depth and capacity to provide a wide range of engineering services to the City
 - Colliers is a national engineering firm with offices in Philadelphia, Conshohocken and Exton

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