



RESOLUTION NO. 2024-12

OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

CONTRACT APPROVAL AND BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR IT/OT MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, On December 5, 2023, NID released a Request for Proposal to 12 perspective consulting firms to deliver an assessment, recommendation and development proposal of a District-wide comprehensive Information Technology / Operational Technology Master Plan (IT/OT Master Plan or Plan); and

WHEREAS, The IT/OT Master Plan is intended to serve as the District's road map for addressing short, mid and long-term organizational opportunities to improve internal services while balancing demands for new and emerging technologies and available resources; and

WHEREAS, NID has sought a tailored Plan balancing industry-leading best practices, efficiency maximization, and addressing our unique needs; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of the IT/OT Master Plan is to lay out a technology-driven strategy and vision for the District while helping to ensure that organization-wide technology services offer innovative and progressive improvements in order to provide effective, efficient and high-quality service for all departments; and

WHEREAS, On March 1st, NID received suitable proposals from five consulting firms. One firm dropped their bid for the project and on March 5th, four of the firms (identified in the table below) gave formal presentations of their proposal to a panel of seven NID staff representing the IT, Water Operations, Hydroelectric and Administrative departments; and

WHEREAS, HDR was the unanimous choice for the project based on an assessment of the firms' approach, cyber security/NERC experience, organizational strength, and cost; and

WHEREAS, HDR Engineering, Inc. (HDR) is recognized as a national leader in IT/OT planning for organizations such as NID and has developed a cost-effective approach to our needs with an experienced and locally based team of experts. HDR will be expected to work closely with NID leadership, managers, and key staff, in developing a phased and scalable Plan with a short-, mid-, and long-term actions which will deliver ongoing value to NID; and

WHEREAS, NID budgeted \$150,000 in the 2024 fiscal year, an updated project timeline by task has been amended to reflect a 2024 project cost estimate of \$255,000. NID's requires a budget addition of \$105,000 to the IT Department's consulting expense line item in order to execute a contract; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Nevada Irrigation District, as follows:

1. Adopt a resolution authorizing a budget amendment of \$105,000 to Fund 70 (IT Department); and
2. Approve a contract in the amount of \$231,707 to HDR Engineering, Inc. for the development of the District's Information Technology / Operational Technology Master Plan; and
3. Authorize the General Manager or designee to execute appropriate documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Manager is hereby authorized to execute the appropriate documents.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Nevada Irrigation District at a regular meeting held on the 10th day of April, 2024 by the following vote:

AYES:	Directors: Bierwagen, Hull, Caulder, Heck
NOES:	Directors: None
ABSENT:	Directors: Johansen
ABSTAINS:	Directors: None



Vice President of the Board of Directors

Attest:



Secretary to the Board of Directors