



Windham STP MM20(2)

Design Engineering Selection Justification

March 8, 2021

The Windham culvert project selection committee reviewed 3 technical proposals that were received in response to the RPF. The firms that sent proposals were Eckman Engineering, Engineering Ventures, and Otter Creek Engineering.

Once the committee's rankings were tallied, the 2 firms that were consistently ranked highly and were close in their totals in order from highest to lowest were: Eckman Engineering and Otter Creek Engineering.

When the committee reviewed the accompanying cost proposals, Eckman Engineering was above the projected budget at \$72,571.84. Otter Creek Engineering was within budget at \$52,266. Both firms were deemed to be technically competent for this project. Both firms showed understanding of the project, with Otter Creek pointing out several items, like updating the wetland delineations, that would need attention for successful completion of the project. Otter Creek expressed numerous successful completions of similar projects with direct experience with the VTrans MA project process. With the similarity in technical aspects of the project, Otter Creek had a smaller number of hours allocated to the project and the committee felt that they were reasonable and accounted for all tasks outlined in the proposal. The lower hours gave Otter Creek the edge in cost estimating. The project committee recommends that the Selectboard move forward to approve contracting with Otter Creek Engineering for the Windham 121 Culvert Replacement project.

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