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Hon. Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street, Rm. 710
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

The Albany County Department of Public Works is requesting approval to enter into Supplemental Agreement 3 with LaBella Associates for continued remediation of a fuel leak that occurred at our DPW Main Office Facility, located at 449 New Salem Road, Voorheesville, NY. During construction to replace the fuel dispensers in 2016, a gasoline delivery pipe was found to be leaking, causing contamination in the surrounding soil and groundwater.

The County entered into an agreement with LaBella Associates for design and implementation of a soil remediation plan for a fee of \$55,925.00 (CAB 5239-2019). LaBella designed and installed a Soil Vapor Extraction System (SVE) in September of 2020 to remediate the site. Subsequent monthly monitoring showed the system was working effectively and LaBella estimated it could take several years of remediation to decrease contamination to a level considered acceptable by DEC. We entered into a Supplemental 2 Year Agreement, (CAB 6536-2021) for continued remediation services, including monthly SVE monitoring, quarterly groundwater sampling and quarterly reporting to the County and DEC, for a fee of \$94,160.00.

LaBella's most recent report stated that although soil contamination decreased to the point that DEC allowed suspension of the SVE system, levels of contamination in the groundwater remained elevated. DEC requested further soil monitoring and ground water remediation. LaBella proposed installation of a colloidal carbon-based groundwater remediation system. Details of the plan are in the attached quote. Although there is no way to know for sure how much longer it will take to remediate the area, it is reasonable to anticipate it could take 1-3 more years.

The first year of services will cost \$113,871.50 (fee is high due to well installation and reagent application). Each subsequent year of sampling, reporting and consulting will cost \$20,350.00. DPW is requesting authorization to enter into a supplemental 3-year agreement with LaBella in the amount of \$154,571.50.

If there are any questions or further information is needed, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Lisa M. Ramundo
Commissioner

cc: Hon. Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
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