

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE**  
**Report for the Village Council Meeting**

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>
Contract Extension for Professional Services for Cross Connection Control Program	David Moody Director of Public Works

**SYNOPSIS**

A resolution has been prepared to authorize a two year extension of the existing contract for professional services for a Cross Connection Control Program for an amount up to \$130,000 to Backflow Solutions, Inc. of Alsip, IL.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

The goals for 2025-2027 include *Top Quality Infrastructure*.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The Proposed FY26 Budget includes \$85,000 in the Water Fund for professional services for this project. Future years will be budgeted accordingly.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approval on the November 11, 2025 consent agenda.

**BACKGROUND**

The Village is required to enforce sections of the Illinois Plumbing Code and Illinois Environmental Protection Agency rules that mandate the use of backflow prevention devices to eliminate cross connections. A cross connection is a point in the water system when a non-drinking water substance could come in contact with drinking water. For example, connections such as lawn irrigation systems, boilers, cooling towers or chemical aspirators can enable contaminants to enter drinking water lines via backflow. Backflow is the unwanted reverse flow of non-potable water back into the water system. Backflow can allow bacteria, chemicals or physical contaminants to enter the water system if cross connections are uncontrolled.

Periodic surveys and inspections of properties are required as part of the Village's overall backflow prevention program, ensuring that proper corrective actions are taken to eliminate cross connections. The work to be completed under the proposed contract involves using a professional services firm to continue the following items:

- Complete on-site isolation and containment inspections of non-residential properties in accordance with State of Illinois EPA and Department of Public Health requirements.

- Conduct a survey of all residential water customers in 2026 to identify potential cross connections as required by the State of Illinois EPA. This survey is required every three years and the last survey was done in 2023. An online electronic survey is offered as a convenience for our residents.

In August 2023, the Village issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Professional Services for this project. Two firms responded to the RFP. After reviewing the proposals, Backflow Solutions was identified as the firm whose proposal best met the needs of the Village. They have successfully performed similar work for hundreds of communities across the country. Locally, they provide these services for the communities of Naperville, Aurora, Joliet, Woodridge, Lisle, Westmont, Oak Brook, Glenview and Schaumburg. The key criteria utilized by staff in evaluating the proposals included experience, qualifications of assigned staff, the firm's approach to the project and cost.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Resolution

Contract Extension

## RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT EXTENSION TO THE  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE  
AND BACKFLOW SOLUTIONS, INC.**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois, as follows:

1. That the form and substance of a certain Contract Extension (the "Agreement"), between the Village of Downers Grove (the "Village") and Backflow Solutions, Inc. ("BSI"), for professional services for a Cross Connection Control Program, as set forth in the form of the Agreement submitted to this meeting with the recommendation of the Village Manager, is hereby approved.

2. That the Village Manager and Village Clerk are hereby respectively authorized and directed for and on behalf of the Village to execute, attest, seal and deliver the Agreement, substantially in the form approved in the foregoing paragraph of this Resolution, together with such changes as the Manager shall deem necessary.

3. That the proper officials, agents and employees of the Village are hereby authorized and directed to take such further action as they may deem necessary or appropriate to perform all obligations and commitments of the Village in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement.

4. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

5. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage as provided by law.

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Mayor

Passed:

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Village Clerk



August 28, 2025

David Moody  
Village of Downers Grove  
5101 Walnut Ave  
Downers Grove, IL 60515

RE: Contract Extension Agreement

The Village of Downers Grove and Backflow Solutions, Inc. (hereinafter "BSI") mutually agree to an extension of the Professional Services of Project Management for Cross Connection Program between the Village of Downers Grove and BSI (hereinafter "Agreement") originally entered into on or about September 20, 2023.

This two-year contract extension shall run from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027, and all terms and conditions and pricing contained in the Agreement shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect. Additionally, any website operated by BSI that is accessible to residents of the Village shall comply with Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 Level AA by April 2026 and continue to comply with the same throughout the duration of the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed or caused to be executed by their duly authorized officials, this extension in duplicate, each of which shall be deemed an original.

BACKFLOW SOLUTIONS, INC.,  
An Illinois corporation

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