

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE**  
**Report for the Village**  
**3/3/2026**

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>
Award of Contract for 2026 Material Testing Services	Scott Vasko Director of Engineering

**SYNOPSIS**

Resolutions have been prepared authorizing contract extensions for material testing services for capital improvement projects with the following companies:

- ECS Midwest, LLC of Bridgeview, Illinois;
- SEECO Consultants, Inc., of Tinley Park, Illinois

Each contract extension is in an amount not-to-exceed \$67,500.00. The total amount for both contract extensions is not to exceed \$135,000.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

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

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The FY26 budget includes \$135,000 for material testing within the construction budgets for various projects. A summary of the funding locations and levels is provided in the following table:

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Allocation Amount</b>
Capital Improvements Fund	\$92,500
Stormwater Fund	\$24,000
Water Fund	\$18,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$135,000</b>

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approval on the March 3, 2026 consent agenda.

**BACKGROUND**

Three firms were pre-qualified by the Village for material testing services through a Request for Proposal that was issued in 2025, for FY25, FY26 and FY27. Unit rates for required testing services were solicited from the pre-qualified firms, with two firms responding. After reviewing the proposals, Staff has determined both firms meet the needs of the Village.

SEECO and ECS have provided their schedule of fees for the scope of expected services. Although several of the unit costs increased, their rates are still competitive and the contract not-to-exceed amount remains unchanged from last year. Staff will work with the companies' personnel to develop a scope of work for each project, similar to those performed in 2025, but which will be dynamic and reflect the specifically identified needs of each site. Each contract is in an amount not-to-exceed \$67,500.00. Services will be provided as requested by Staff and in accordance with the unit prices specified within the contracts.

ECS Midwest, LLC. satisfactorily provided material testing services for capital improvements projects in 2025. SEECO Consultants, Inc. satisfactorily provided material testing services for capital improvements projects from 2011 through 2025.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Resolutions

Contracts

Contractor Evaluations

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

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A FIRST EXTENSION  
TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN  
THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND  
ECS MIDWEST, LLC**

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 First Extension (the "Agreement") to the agreement between the Village of Downers Grove (the "Village") and ECS Midwest, LLC (the "Consultant") for material testing services, 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

**FIRST EXTENSION TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN  
THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND  
ECS MIDWEST, LLC.**

The Village of Downers Grove, Illinois and ECS Midwest, LLC. ("Consultant") entered into a contract on or about March 4, 2025 for material testing services. This extension represents the first extension for this contract. Pursuant to the terms stated therein, the parties desire to extend the contract under the following terms:

1. The total amount available for 2026 shall not exceed \$67,500.00. Unit prices shall be supplied by Consultant at the rates set forth on the Exhibit A attached hereto.
2. The extension shall continue until the not-to-exceed price has been reached or until December 31, 2026, whichever occurs first.
3. All other terms from the contract remain in full force and effect.

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE**

**ECS MIDWEST, LLC.**

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Title

*Sr Vice President*

Title

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 7-4-2026

## ECS MIDWEST, LLC

**EXHIBIT A: ESC MIDWEST, LLC SCHEDULE OF FEES****FEE SCHEDULE/SCOPE****MATERIALS ENGINEERING SERVICES RATES**

<u>CMT Services - Field/Laboratory</u>	<u>Unit Rate</u>
1. Engineering Technician (Soils, Concrete, Asphalt, etc.)	\$ 122.00/hour
2. Nuclear Gauge Equipment	\$ 55.00/day
3. Sample Pickup	\$ 122.00/hour
4. Compressive Strength, Concrete Cylinders	\$ 20.00/each
5. Modified Proctor ASTM D1557	\$ 175.00/test
6. Project Manager	\$ 175.00/hour
7. Principal Engineer	\$ 215.00/hour
8. Secretary	\$ 65.00/hour
9. Mileage	\$ 1.00/mile
10 Natural Moisture Content (ASTM D2216)	\$ 18.00/test
11. Visual Classification of Soil - (Including QP Readings)	\$ 8.00/sample
12 Dry Sieve Analysis	\$ 105.00/each
13 Washed Sieve Analysis	\$ 155.00/test
14 Hydrometer (ASTM D421/422)	\$ 250.00/test
15 Atterberg Limits Testing (ASTM D 423, 424)	\$ 130.00/test
16 Specific Gravity Determination (ASTM D 854)	\$ 150.00/test
17 Extraction for Asphalt Content	\$ 100.00/test
18 HMA Core Density & Thickness (per core)	\$ 80.00/each
19 Bulk Specific Gravity	\$ 150.00/test

The services described in this proposal would be rendered portal-to-portal from our office in Bridgeview, Illinois with 1 hour of round-trip travel time to the project site. Our unit rates are based on a normal 8-hour workday, Monday through Friday, between normal business hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Overtime beyond 8 hours/day, outside normal hours and Saturdays will be invoiced at a rate of 1.5 times the normal hourly rate indicated. Services on Sundays and Holidays will be invoice and 2.0 times the normal hourly rates indicated. All site visits will be subject to an 8-hour minimum and travel-related charges will apply. A minimum charge of 2 hours and applicable trip charge will be assessed for same day cancellations.

**All site visits will be subject to a 4 hour minimum (on-site time) and above noted travel related charges will apply. ECS technicians are represented by IUOE Local 150. As such, for time on-site greater than 4 hours, 8 hour and travel related charges will apply. Saturday are subject to an immediate 8 hour minimum. Scheduling should occur prior to 4:00 p.m. on the day before services are required. It is the responsibility of a designated agent, such as the general contractor, to contact us in advance when requesting services.**



# Village of Downers Grove

## Contractor Evaluation

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Contractor: ECS Midwest

Project: 2025 Material Testing Services

Primary Contact: Scott Bierbaum Phone: 708-417-7897

Time Period: January-December

On Schedule (allowing for uncontrollable circumstances)  Yes  No

Provide details if early or late completion:

Change Orders (attach information if needed): None

Difficulties / Positives: Flexible and short-notice scheduling available. Regular delays in sending certified payroll for payment processing.

Interaction with public:

Excellent  Good  Average  Poor

(Attach information on any complaints or compliments)

General Level of Satisfaction with work:

Well Satisfied  Satisfied  Not Satisfied

Reviewers: Matt Stern

Date: 2/6/2026