

## Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Jim Gray Mayor Cheryl A. Taylor Commissioner

October 12, 2011

To:

Mayor Jim Gray

Council Members

From:

Cheryl A. Taylor, Commissioner

Environmental Quality & Public Works

Subject:

Bid Recommendation #5-2011

Requesting approval of a contract with J. Stowe & Co., Inc. to conduct an audit of utility franchise fee revenues received from Kentucky Utilities, Columbia Gas of Kentucky and Blue Grass Energy Cooperative. The review committee found that J. Stowe & Co. submitted the best overall response to the RFP among four (4) responses.

The scope of work was refined and a contract negotiated with J. Stowe & Co. to provide the Audit of Franchise Fees for an amount not to exceed forty-five thousand seven hundred and sixty dollars (\$45,760.00).

Per LFUCG's existing franchise fee agreements, the cost of the audit may be passed on to the utility companies. Initial funding for the project will come from the CAO Professional Services budget shown below. A budget amendment has been entered to transfer the necessary funds from the Franchise Fee budget to the CAO. Utility reimbursements will be directed to the Franchise Fee budget.

Fund	Dept ID	Section	Account
1101	155001	0001	71299