

## Pat Drosten

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**From:** Justin Lusk <justin@cobraenvironmental.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 10, 2026 6:56 PM  
**To:** Pat Drosten  
**Subject:** Re: ITB 26-PW-01 - Rehabilitation of Sanitary Sewer Lines and Manholes (CDBG 23DB-N33) - NOTICE OF PROTEST PROCEEDINGS  
**Attachments:** Cobra\_Environmental\_Reservation\_and\_Withdrawal\_ITB\_26-PW-01.pdf

Subject: Voluntary Withdrawal of Protest – ITB 26-PW-01  
Best Regards,

Dear Ms. Drosten,

Attached please find Cobra Environmental's formal letter voluntarily withdrawing its Formal Bid Protest/Objection and Grant Compliance Clarification and Objection for ITB 26-PW-01.

This withdrawal is submitted without admission or concession and is intended to allow the City to proceed with its procurement process without further delay.

Thank you for your time and professionalism throughout this matter.

Justin Lusk  
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On Jan 10, 2026, at 6:52 PM, Justin Lusk <justin@cobraenvironmental.com> wrote:

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Email Body (copy/paste):

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On Jan 9, 2026, at 2:39 PM, Pat Drosten <[pdrosten@cityofedgewater.org](mailto:pdrosten@cityofedgewater.org)> wrote:

Mr. Lusk,

The Protest Proceedings are basically where you will be able to present your issues. I have included the language from the policy below.

1. Protest Proceedings. If the protest cannot be resolved by mutual agreement, the Purchasing Officer shall conduct or designate another to conduct a protest proceeding pursuant to the following procedures:
  - a) Protest Proceeding Procedures.
    - i. The presiding officer shall give reasonable notice to all substantially affected persons or businesses. Otherwise petitions to intervene will be considered on their merits as received.
    - ii. At or prior to the protest proceeding, the protestant may submit any written or physical materials, objects, statements, or affidavits, and arguments which he/she deems relevant to the issues raised.
    - iii. In the proceeding, the protestant, or his/her representative or counsel, may also make an oral presentation of his evidence and arguments. However, neither direct nor cross examination of witnesses shall be permitted, although the presiding officer may make whatever inquiries he/she deems pertinent to a determination of the protest.

- iv. The judicial rules of evidence shall not apply and the presiding officer shall base his/her decision on such information given in the course of the proceeding upon which reasonable prudent persons rely in the conduct of their affairs.
- v. Within seven (7) working days of the conclusion of the proceeding, the presiding officer shall render a decision which sets forth the terms and conditions of any settlement reached. Such decision of the presiding officer shall be conclusive as to the recommendation to the City Council.
- vi. Any party may arrange for the proceedings to be stenographically recorded and shall bear the expense of such recording.
- b) Intervenor. The participation of intervenors shall be governed by the terms of the order issued in response to a petition to intervene,
- c) Time Limits. The time limits in which protests must be filed as provided herein may be altered by specific provisions in invitation for bids or request for proposal.
- d) Entitlement to Costs. In no case will the protesting bidder or offeror be entitled to any costs incurred with the solicitation, including bid preparation costs and attorney's fees.

Respectfully,

Pat

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 Purchasing Specialist  
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**From:** Justin Lusk <justin@cobraenvironmental.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 9, 2026 2:25 PM  
**To:** Pat Drosten <pdrosten@CITYOFEDGEWATER.ORG>  
**Cc:** purchasing <purchasing@CITYOFEDGEWATER.ORG>  
**Subject:** Re: ITB 26-PW-01 - Rehabilitation of Sanitary Sewer Lines and Manholes (CDBG 23DB-N33) - NOTICE OF PROTEST PROCEEDINGS

Received. Do I need to show up to that meeting or is it for internal process only?

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On Jan 9, 2026, at 2:15 PM, Pat Drosten  
<[pdrosten@cityofedgewater.org](mailto:pdrosten@cityofedgewater.org)> wrote:

Please find attached the Notice Protest Proceedings related to the subject project. Please reply as acknowledgment of receipt of this notice.

Thank you,

Pat

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<NOTICE OF PROTEST PROCEEDINGS.pdf>

Reservation of Rights and Voluntary Withdrawal – ITB 26-PW-01

Dear Ms. Drosten,

Cobra Environmental acknowledges the City's correspondence regarding the protest proceedings for ITB 26-PW-01.

After careful consideration, Cobra Environmental hereby elects to voluntarily withdraw its Formal Bid Protest/Objection and Grant Compliance Clarification and Objection. This withdrawal is made without admission, waiver, or concession as to the merits of the issues raised and without prejudice to Cobra Environmental's position regarding applicable procurement standards or grant compliance considerations.

This decision is made in the interest of administrative efficiency and to allow the City to proceed with its procurement process without further delay. Cobra Environmental appreciates the City's time and professionalism throughout this matter and looks forward to pursuing future opportunities with the City of Edgewater.

Sincerely,

Justin Lusk  
President & CEO  
Cobra Environmental, Inc.