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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

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CELIA ZAVALA
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**WATER RESOURCES CORE SERVICE AREA
AWARD CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENTS FOR
AS-NEEDED WATER QUALITY MONITORING AND RELATED SERVICES
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to authorize Public Works to execute 10 consultant service agreements for water quality monitoring and related services that will enable Public Works, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, and the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts to fulfill their missions, and comply with local, State, and Federal regulations.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed action is not a project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act for reasons stated in this Board letter.
2. Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute as-needed consultant services agreements with the following three small-sized firms: CG Resource Management and Engineering, FMF Pandion, and Paradigm Environmental Inc.; the following three medium sized firms: Alta Environmental, CWE, and Larry Walker Associates, Inc.; and the following four large sized firms: AECOM Technical Services, Inc., Tetra Tech, Inc., Weston Solutions, Inc., and Wood Environmental & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc., to provide water quality monitoring and related services for Public Works, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, and the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts for a not-to-exceed total program amount of \$20,000,000 plus a 25 percent supplement for a 3-year term plus a 1-year extension option, commencing upon full execution of the agreements.

3. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to authorize additional services and extend each of the consultant service agreement's expiration dates as necessary to complete those additional services when those additional services are: 1) previously unforeseen, 2) related to a previously assigned Scope of Work on a given project or assignments, and 3) are necessary for the completion of that given project or assignment.

4. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to administer the above-referenced agreements and at the discretion of the Director of Public Works, to exercise the option to extend any or all the contracts for one additional year, based upon project demands and the level of satisfaction with the services provided, for a total duration of 4 years.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to retain 10 consultants to provide Public Works, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, and the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts (Districts) with as-needed water quality monitoring and related services within Los Angeles County. The services include, but are not limited to: tasks related to surface water quality monitoring, groundwater monitoring, best management practices monitoring, conducting scientific studies, data analysis and reporting, database development and management, developing planning documents, and developing California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documents. The recommended actions will enable Public Works and the Districts to fulfill its missions as well as comply with local, State, and Federal rules, regulations, and mandates.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The County Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Strategy II.1, Drive Economic and Workforce Development in the County and Objective II.1.2 Support Small Businesses and Social Enterprises; Strategy 11.3, Make Environmental Sustainability our Daily Reality and Objective II.3.1, Improve Water Quality, Reduce Water Consumption, and Increase Water Supplies; and Strategy III.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability. The recommended actions improve water quality and the environmental, economic, and social well-being of our communities while maximizing and leveraging resources.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total cost of the as-needed consultant services will not exceed an aggregate total program amount of \$20 million plus a 25 percent supplement (totaling \$25 million) for 10 consulting firms over a 3-year period with 1 optional year extension. It is expected that the initial 3-year term of the agreements will start during Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-19 and conclude in FY 2021-22. The 1-year extension option, if exercised, would be operative through FY 2022-23.

Funds will be encumbered in the following Public Works administered funds: The Flood Control District Fund, Public Works General Fund (unincorporated County Areas Urban Runoff and Stormwater Quality Program), Waterworks Districts Fund, and other fund sources available to Public Works. Funds will be encumbered prior to the consultant being directed to provide services. Total expenditures for these services will not exceed the amount approved by the Board. Funding for the services is included in the FY 2018-19 budgets of the various Public Works administer funds.

Funds to finance the remainder of the agreement term and optional year will be requested through the annual budget process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

A standard consultant services agreement, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, will be used. The consultant service agreements will contain terms and conditions in compliance with the Chief Executive Officer's and the Board's requirements.

The consultants were selected upon final analysis and consideration without regard to race, creed, gender, or color. Information on the consultants' minority participation and Community Business Enterprise participation are enclosed.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The recommended actions are not a project pursuant to CEQA because they are activities that are excluded from the definition of a project by Section 15378(b) of the CEQA Guidelines. The proposed action, to award as-needed consultant services agreements for anticipated future projects and maintenance activities, is an administrative activity of government that will not result in direct or indirect changes to the environment. We will return to the Board as necessary for consideration of appropriate environmental documentation pursuant to CEQA prior to commencement of activities under the agreements.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On June 4, 2018, Public Works issued a Request for Proposals (RFP). The RFP was posted on Public Works websites at the "Doing Business with Us" and "Business Opportunities", and in the Los Angeles Daily Journal, Los Angeles Sentinel, and La Opinion newspapers. Also, Public Works informed over 1,300 local small business enterprises regarding this business opportunity. Thirty-two firms registered on Public Works websites for this RFP.

The RFP allowed firms to compete as primes in 1 of 3 categories: small-sized firms (with 25 or fewer personnel), medium sized firms (with 26 to 75 personnel), or large-sized firms (with over 75 personnel). Each firm was requested to certify its own size based on number of personnel for competition with other firms in the same size category.

On July 16, 2018, a total of 12 proposals were received. One proposal was disqualified for not meeting the proposal submission requirements of the RFP. Three small-sized firms, four medium-sized firms, and four large-sized firms passed the requirements.

An evaluation committee composed of staff from Public Works evaluated the proposals based on criteria described in the RFP, including technical expertise, proposed work plan, experience, personnel qualifications, and understanding of the work requirements. The evaluations were completed without regard to race, creed, color, or gender, and in accordance with the Board-approved informed averaging methodology. Based on the evaluation of the proposals, the following firms were selected: small-sized category were CG Resource Management and Engineering, FMF Pandion, Paradigm Environmental Inc.; medium-sized category were Alta Environmental, CWE, Larry Walker Associates, Inc.; and large-sized category were AECOM Technical Services, Inc., Tetra Tech, Inc., Weston Solutions, Inc., and Wood Environmental & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. The

selected firms represent the best qualified firms from each size category to provide the required services. Public Works has determined that the firms' proposed rates for performing the services are reasonable.

The Community Business Enterprises participation data and 3-year contracting history for the 10 selected firms are on file with Public Works.

Public Works has evaluated and determined that the County of Los Angeles Code, Chapter 2.201 (Living Wage Program) does not apply to the recommended agreements. These consultant services agreements are exempt from the requirements of Proposition A because the services are required on a part-time and intermittent basis. Public Works notified California Association of Professional Employees Union of this solicitation. The consultant services agreements include a cost-of-living adjustment provision in accordance with the Board policy, which was approved on January 29, 2002.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no impact on current County services or projects as a result of authorizing the recommended consultant service agreements. These agreements will provide necessary as-needed water quality monitoring and related services in an efficient manner by enhancing the delivery of Public Works' and the Districts' missions.

CONCLUSION

Please return an adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Stormwater Quality Division.

Respectfully submitted,



MARK PESTRELLA

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Chia-Ann Yen)
County Counsel (Michael Simon)
Executive Office

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS
CONSULTANTS' UTILIZATION PARTICIPATION FOR
WATER QUALITY MONITORING AND RELATED SERVICES**

SELECTED FIRMS

Consultant Name (Prime with subcontractors* listed below) - *only subconsultants with Utilization Participation were listed.	Local SBE	SBE	Minority	Women	Disadvantaged	DisabledVet
SMALL CATEGORY						
CG Resource Management and Engineering	X	X		X		
CWE	X	X	X		X	
FMF Pandion						
Alta		X				
Blackhawk Environmental		X			X	
Eyasco		X				
ABC Liovin Drilling		X				
Physis Environmental Laboratories		X				
Paradigm						
Latitude Environmental, Inc.		X		X		
Stillwater Sciences	X	X			X	
Ninyo and Moore			X			
Todd Groundwater		X		X		
Larry Walker Associates		X				
Lotus Water		X				
Stephen Groner Associates	X	X				
MBC Aquatic Sciences		X				
Pacific EcoRisk		X				
Catalyst Environmental Solutions		X				
Kinnetic Laboratories		X				

Enclosure A

Consultant Name (Prime with subcontractors* listed below) - *only subconsultants with Utilization Participation were listed.		Local SBE	SBE	Minority	Women	Disadvantaged	DisabledVet
	Physis Environmental Laboratories		X				
	Weck Laboratories		X				
	MEDIUM SIZE CATEGORY						
	Alta						
	FMF Pandion	X	X	X		X	X
	CWE	X	X	X		X	
	Sapphos Environmental			X	X	X	
	Latitude Environmental, Inc.		X		X		
	MBC Aquatic Sciences		X				
	Vista Analytical		X		X		
	ABC Liovin Drilling	X	X				
	CWE						
	Alta Environmental	X	X				
	CG Resource Management and Engineering	X			X		
	Kinnetic Laboratories		X				
	Larry Walker & Associates						
	Blackhawk Environmental		X				X
	Blaine Tech Services, Inc.	X	X		X		
	Catalyst Environmental Solutions		X				
	FMF Pandion	X	X	X		X	X
	MBC Aquatic Sciences		X				
	Pacific EcoRisk		X				
	Paradigm Environmental		X				
	Physis Environmental Laboratories		X				
	S. Groner Associates	X	X				
	Todd Groundwater		X		X		

Enclosure A

Consultant Name (Prime with subcontractors* listed below) - *only subconsultants with Utilization Participation were listed.	Local SBE	SBE	Minority	Women	Disadvantaged	DisabledVet
Vista Analytical Laboratory		X		X		
Weck Laboratories, Inc.		X	X			
LARGE SIZE CATEGORY						
AECOM						
ABC Liovin Drilling	X					
Advanced Technology Laboratories			X	X		
Alta Environmental	X					
CWE		X	X			
CASC Engineering and Consulting, Inc.		X				
CES Group	X		X	X		
Colbert Environmental Group	X				X	
Kinnetic Laboratories		X				
Laboratory Data Consultants			X			
MBC Aquatic Sciences		X				
Pat-Chem Laboratories				X		
Tetra Tech						
FMF Pandion	X	X	X		X	X
Watearth, Inc.		X		X	X	
WRECO		X			X	
Civil Environmental Survey Group Inc. dba CES Group				X	X	
Hoch Consulting		X				
M2 Resource Consulting, Inc.		X		X	X	
Physis Environmental Laboratories		X				
Soller Environmental, LLC		X				
Weston						
CWE	X	X	X			X
Larry Walker Associates		X				

Enclosure A

Consultant Name (Prime with subcontractors* listed below) - *only subconsultants with Utilization Participation were listed.		Local SBE	SBE	Minority	Women	Disadvantaged	DisabledVet
	MBC Aquatic Sciences		X				
	Paradigm Environmental		X				
	Six Scientific Service			X	X		
	Dancing Coyote Environmental		X		X		
	Vista Analytical Laboratory				X		
	Weck Laboratories, Inc.		X	X			
	Wood						
	Civil Environmental Survey Group Inc. dba CES Group			X	X	X	X
	Colbert Environmental Group			X	X	X	
	Eyasco, Inc.			X	X		
	FMF Pandion	X	X	X		X	X
	Larry Walker Associates		X				
	Sapphos			X	X	X	

NON-SELECTED FIRMS

MEDIUM SIZE CATEGORY							
	CASC						
	CNC Engineering	X	X	X			
	Sapper West		X				X
	Vandermost Consulting Services, Inc. (VCS)		X		X	X	
	Sage Environmental Group, Inc.	X	X				
	Pat-Chem Laboratories	X			X		
	Moore Twining & Associates						X
	ABC Liovin Drilling	X	X				
	California Veterans Supply		X		X		X

Enclosure B

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS
COMMUNITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION**

FIRM INFORMATION		CG Resource Management and Engineering	FMF Pandion	Paradigm Environmental	Alta	CWE
BUSINESS STRUCTURE		Corporation	Corporation	Corporation	Partnership	Corporation
CULTURAL/ETHNIC COMPOSITION: Number / % of Ownership						
OWNERS/PARTNERS	Black/African American			24%		
	Hispanic/Latino					50%
	Asian or Pacific Islander					50%
	American Indian		100%			
	Filipino					
	White	100%		76%	100%	
	<i>Female (included above)</i>					
MANAGER	Black/African American		1			
	Hispanic/Latino				2	
	Asian or Pacific Islander			2		1
	American Indian				1	
	Filipino					
	White	1	1	1	14	3
	<i>Female (included above)</i>		1	1	4	
STAFF	Black/African American				1	2
	Hispanic/Latino		1		8	6
	Asian or Pacific Islander				5	9
	American Indian				2	
	Filipino			1		1
	White		2	4	17	13
	<i>Female (included above)</i>		2	2	7	15
Total # of Employees		1	9	13	54	37
COUNTY CERTIFICATION						
CBE		Y	Y	N	N	Y
LSBE		Y	Y	N	N	N
OTHER CERTIFYING AGENCY		list agency here				

Enclosure B

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS
COMMUNITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION**

FIRM INFORMATION		Larry Walker and Associates	AECOM	Tetra Tech	Weston Solutions	Wood
BUSINESS STRUCTURE		Corporation	Corporation	Corporation	Corporation	Corporation
CULTURAL/ETHNIC COMPOSITION: Number / % of Ownership						
OWNERS/PARTNERS	Black/African American				2.4%	
	Hispanic/Latino				3.4%	
	Asian or Pacific Islander				4.8%	
	American Indian				.50%	
	Filipino					
	White	100%			88.9%	
	<i>Female (included above)</i>	75%			26%	
MANAGER	Black/African American		141	28	3	15
	Hispanic/Latino		227	51	7	37
	Asian or Pacific Islander		385	81	17	26
	American Indian		8	4	1	
	Filipino		37			
	White	12	4155	1240	290	802
	<i>Female (included above)</i>	5	1078	347	68	205
STAFF	Black/African American		686	406	28	160
	Hispanic/Latino	4	961	670	46	249
	Asian or Pacific Islander	2	1404	476	25	156
	American Indian		45	33	3	18
	Filipino		205			
	White	24	9514	4876	612	2645
	<i>Female (included above)</i>	18	4627	2052	284	1014
Total # of Employees		47		8025	1045	4247
COUNTY CERTIFICATION						
CBE		Y	N	N	N	N
LSBE		N	N	N	N	N
OTHER CERTIFYING AGENCY						