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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, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

STRATHERN PIT MULTIUSE PROJECT
AWARD OF CONSULTANT SERVICES CONTRACT
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3
3 VOTES

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:

Award and authorize the Chief Engineer of the Flood Control District, or his designee, to execute a Consultant Services Agreement with Psomas to prepare design plans, specifications, and to provide construction administration and support services for the Strathern Pit Multiuse Project for a not to exceed fee of $1,980,000 including $217,000 for unforeseen costs to be funded by the District and establish the effective date following Board approval.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

This project consists of completing design plans and specifications to convert the existing Strathern Pit, a 30-acre landfill area in the Sun Valley community in the City of Los Angeles, to a facility dedicated to stormwater retention and treatment, habitat creation, and recreational uses. In June 2004, your Board adopted the Sun Valley Watershed Management Plan (Plan). This Plan was developed through a stakeholder process to resolve a local flooding problem while retaining stormwater runoff to increase water conservation, recreation, wildlife habitation creation, and stormwater pollution

prevention opportunities in the watershed. The Plan resulted in a system of project components that, when implemented, will collectively meet the objectives established by the stakeholders.

The Strathern Pit Multiuse Project is one of the components of the Plan. The project satisfies multiple objectives by capturing upstream runoff, conveying the flows through treatment wetlands, and pumping the treated water to the nearby Sun Valley Park for infiltration or to be reused on-site to support treatment wetlands. Upon project completion, a portion of the facility will be restored ecologically and enhanced with recreational amenities to provide opportunities for wildlife habitat and to serve as a recreational and educational resource to the local community.

The scope of the consultant services includes completion of architectural, structural, civil, electrical, mechanical, and landscape design plans and specifications based on the concept developed in the Plan for the Strathern Pit Multiuse Project. The proposed services also include construction administration and support during the construction phase. The District will return to your Board for the approval to advertise and award the construction contract of this project in the future.

Once constructed, the City of Los Angeles will cooperate in maintaining the project. The District will return to your Board for approval of a Cooperative Agreement between the City of Los Angeles and District that will establish the construction, operation, maintenance, and financial obligations.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Awarding this Agreement will meet the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility by allowing the District to supplement resources and manage workload in a more efficient and responsible manner. This project, once constructed, will also meet the Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence by providing flood protection, enhancing water quality, increasing recreational opportunities, and environmental benefits that will improve the quality of life for citizens of the County of Los Angeles.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The recommended Agreement for the project is for an aggregate amount not to exceed the fee of $1,980,000 including $217,000 for unforeseen work that may arise during the progress of the work. Additional work within this allowance will not be performed without prior written authorization from the Chief Engineer or his designee.

Funds to complete the design plans, specifications, construction administration, and estimated construction support services for the Strathern Pit Multiuse Project are available in the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Flood Control District Fund.

There will be no impact to the County's General Fund.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the Agreement stating that the consultant shall notify its employees, and shall require each subconsultant to notify its employees, about Board Policy 5.135, the Safely Surrendered Baby Law, and that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

As requested by your Board on August 12, 1997, and as a threshold requirement for consideration for contract award, Psomas is willing to consider Greater Avenues for Independence Program/General Relief Opportunity for Work participants for future employment.

Psomas is in full compliance with Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.200 (Child Support Compliance Program) and Chapter 2.203 (Contractor Employee Jury Service Program).

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

A Finding of Environmental Impact is not required for the award of these consultant services. A Program Environmental Impact Report for the system of project components identified by the Plan, including the design concept for the Strathern Pit Multiuse Project, was completed and adopted by the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors in June 2004. The District will evaluate and assess impacts and prepare all additional documentation required by the California Environmental Quality Act for this project. The District will return to your Board for an environmental finding before the project is advertised for construction.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On July 19, 2004, Public Works issued a Request for Proposals to develop a Select List of Qualified Consultants (SLQC) for watershed management projects. A total of 18 firms responded to the Request for Proposals. An Evaluation Committee composed of Public Works' staff evaluated the proposals and selected five firms as the best qualified firms for the SLQC. These firms are Psomas, Camp Dresser and McKee, Inc., URS, CH2M Hill, and RBF Consulting. The selection was done without regard to race, creed, color, or gender. Public Works utilizes the SLQC by developing the scope of services that require consultant services for projects and selecting consultants in the order of established ranking from the SLQC. Psomas is the next firm on the SLQC.

Participation by Community Business Enterprises (CBEs) in the project is encouraged through Public Works' CBE Outreach Program and the requirement that consultants demonstrate their good faith efforts to utilize CBEs. Psomas is aware of our CBE Outreach Program, and its proposed CBE participation is on file with Public Works.

To ensure the Agreement is awarded to a responsible consultant with a satisfactory performance history, consultants were required to report violations of the False Claims Act, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported by Psomas was considered before making this recommendation to approve execution of the Agreement.

As requested by your Board on February 3, 1998, and to further increase consultant awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, this Request for Proposal for the SLQC was listed on the County's "Doing Business with Us" website. Copies of the website postings are included as Enclosure A for your reference.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The project will have no adverse impact on current services. Once constructed, this multiuse facility will provide flood protection, improve water quality, help conserve water, increase habitat, and provide recreational and educational resources to the local community, which is consistent with the District's goals of watershed management.

CONCLUSION

Please return three adopted copies of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Works is requesting proposals from qualified consulting firms to provide water resources/environmental engineering, flood hazard mitigation, & storm water quality mitigation services for various watershed management projects.

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