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April 23, 2024

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

Dear Supervisors:

**BLANCHARD AND COGEN LANDFILLS GAS EXTRACTION SYSTEM MAINTENANCE,
MONITORING, AND REPORTING SERVICES
(FIRST DISTRICT) (3-VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Find that the proposed maintenance, monitoring and reporting services are exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act and award a service contract to Tetra Tech BAS, Inc., for Blanchard and Cogen Landfills Gas Extraction System maintenance, monitoring, and reporting services on behalf of Los Angeles County.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed maintenance, monitoring and reporting services included in the contract with Tetra Tech BAS, Inc., are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and in the record of the proposed project.
2. Award and authorize the Chief Executive Officer, or her designee, to execute a contract with Tetra Tech BAS, Inc., for a not-to-exceed contract amount of \$1,000,000. The contract will commence upon execution by the County with an initial three year term with two one year optional extension options for a total maximum contract term of five years.
3. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer, or her designee, to supplement the initial not-to-exceed contract amount of \$1,000,000 by up to 25 percent of the original contract amount based on workload requirements.

4. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer, or her designee, to extend the contract for up to two one year extension periods based upon project demands and level of satisfaction with services provided.

5. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer, or her designee, to authorize additional services and extend the contract expiration date 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, and (3) are necessary for the completion of that given project, and to suspend and/or terminate the contract for convenience, if it is in the best interest of the County to do so.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will find that the activities included in the consultant services agreement are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and will allow the Chief Executive Office (CEO) to procure maintenance, monitoring, reporting, and ongoing operations services for the former Blanchard and Cogen Landfills' Gas Extraction Systems, located at the Eastern Avenue Hill Complex.

The former Blanchard Landfill (Blanchard) is located on the Eastern Avenue Hill Complex in Los Angeles and was closed as a refuse disposal facility in 1958. Several County developments are on or adjacent to Blanchard, most notably the Fire Department Headquarters and Sheriff's Biscailuz Training Academy. In order to implement the Post Closure Land Use Plan for the former Blanchard site, in 2013 the County installed a landfill gas control system to extract and clean methane gas, which is a byproduct of the decomposing waste. Since then, the County of Los Angeles (County) has hired consultants to conduct ongoing monitoring and maintenance of the site and reporting to jurisdictional agencies. The current consultant services are being performed by Converse Consultants and the contract for their services expires in June 2024.

The former Cogen Landfill is also located at the Eastern Avenue Hill Complex along Sheriff Road and was closed as a refuse disposal facility in 1959. On July 19, 2021, the County completed installation of a landfill gas control system to extract and clean methane gas created by the decomposing waste located within the Cogen Landfill area. Similar to the Blanchard site, the system requires the same ongoing monitoring and maintenance services to ensure the continued proper operation of the system and conduct reporting requirements of jurisdictional agencies. The current consultant services are being performed by Biogas Engineering and the contract for their services expires in June 2024.

The contract scope includes, but is not limited to; ongoing maintenance, monitoring and reporting of surface gas emissions, ambient air, Landfill Gas extraction wells, perimeter probe readings to South Coast Air Quality Management District, and condensate sumps industrial waste discharge report to County Sanitation District, for both landfill sites.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Fostering Vibrant and Resilient Communities (Goal II) through Prioritizing Environmental Health Oversight and Monitoring (Strategy II.2.3). The contractor who has the specialized expertise to provide these services accurately, efficiently, timely, and in a responsive manner, will support the County in meeting this strategic goal.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total cost of the contract shall not exceed a total of \$1,000,000 plus a 25 percent supplement (totaling \$250,000) for a maximum of \$1,250,000 over a three-year period with two optional one-year extensions for a maximum duration of five years subject to the additional extension provisions specified below. It is expected the initial three-year term of the agreement will start in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 and conclude in FY 2025-26. The two one-year extension options, if exercised, would be operating in FY 2026-27 and FY 2027-28.

There is sufficient appropriation in the FY 2023-24 Capital Projects/Refurbishments budget, under Eastern Hill Monitoring, Capital Project No. 87348, to award this consultant services agreement.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

A standard consultant services agreement, in the form previously approved by County Counsel will be used. The proposed contract contains terms and conditions in compliance with the CEO and the Board's requirements. The consultant services contract also includes a provision requiring the consultant to track subcontractors' utilization of Local Small Business Enterprise (LSBE), Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE), and Social Enterprise (SE) businesses.

The proposed contract includes the new Board policy provisions for compliance with the County Policy of Equity, Default Method of Payment: Direct Deposit or Electronic Funds Transfer and Compliance with Fair Chance Employment Practices.

The term of each consultant services contract shall commence on the date of the full execution of the contract and shall extend for a period of three years from such commencement date, plus two one-year extension options, for a maximum contract duration of five years. The expiration of the services contract is subject to the following condition: where services for a given project have been authorized in writing by the County but are not completed by the contractor prior to the stated expiration date, the expiration date will be automatically extended solely to allow for the completion of such services.

Enclosure A reflects each proposer's minority participation and the Community Business Enterprises (CBEs) participation data.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed activities to be performed under the agreement, to the extent they are a project, including maintenance and monitoring activities, are exempt from CEQA. The monitoring and maintenance activities which do not include expansion or impact to the equipment and surrounding areas being maintained and monitored, is within a class of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and which meets the criteria set forth in section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines ("Guidelines") and Class 1 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. In addition, based on the records of the proposed activities, they will comply with all applicable regulations, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, damage to scenic highways, listing on hazardous waste site lists compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5, or indications that the activities may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource that would make the exemption inapplicable.

Upon the Board's approval of the recommended actions, the CEO will file a Notice of Exemption with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and with the State Clearinghouse at the Governor's Office of Planning and Research in accordance with section 21152 of the Public Resources Code and will post the notice to its website pursuant to section 21092.2.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On January 9, 2023, Public Works issued a Request for Proposal (RFP). The RFP was advertised on the County's "Doing Business with the County" and "Do Business with Public Works" websites (Enclosure B); Twitter; and advertisements were placed in Daily Breeze, Daily Commerce, LA Opinion, Los Angeles Daily Journal, Long Beach Press-Telegram, Los Angeles Sentinel, Pasadena Star News, San Gabriel Valley Tribune, Santa Monica Daily Press, The Signal, and World Journal. Also, Public Works informed over 1,337 LSBEs, 149 DVBES, and 144 SEs about this business opportunity. The appropriate Union was notified. The Union did not request to be consulted. Nine (9) firms registered on the Public Works website for the RFP. A preproposal meeting was held on January 24, 2023, and proposals were due February 13, 2023. A total of six (6) proposals were received.

An evaluation committee composed of staff from Public Works' Project Management Division I and Environmental Programs Division, and the CEO evaluated the written proposals based on criteria described in the RFP, including technical expertise, 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 informed averaging methodology. Based on the evaluation of the proposals, Tetra Tech BAS, Inc., was determined to be the successful proposer and negotiations were conducted. Tetra Tech BAS, Inc., was determined to meet the minimum requirements of the RFP and to be the most qualified proposer to provide the required services. Tetra Tech BAS, Inc.'s, proposed rates were reviewed and determined to be reasonable and representative of industry rates for similar services.

The consultant services agreement includes a cost-of-living adjustment provision in accordance with the Board Policy No. 5.070 – Multi-Year Service Contract Cost of Living Adjustments.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects during the performance of the recommended contract. The proposed contract will provide Blanchard and Cogen Landfills Gas Extraction System maintenance, monitoring, and reporting services.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to Los Angeles County Public Works, Business Relations and Contracts Division, and to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Programs Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fesia A. Davenport". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "F" and "D".

FESIA A. DAVENPORT

Chief Executive Officer

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Enclosures

c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
County Counsel
Public Works

ENCLOSURE A

**PROPOSERS' UTILIZATION PARTICIPATION AND COMMUNITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM INFORMATION FOR
BLANCHARD AND COGEN LANDFILLS GAS EXTRACTION SYSTEM MAINTENANCE, MONITORING, AND REPORTING SERVICES
BRC0000383**

SELECTED FIRM

	Proposer Name	Local SBE	SBE	Minority	Women	Disadvantaged	DisabledVet
1	Tetra Tech BAS, Inc.						
	Acculabs		X				
	AtmAA, Inc.						
	Clean Harbors						
	Frank's Industrial Services		X				
	Montrosse Environmental	X					
	J & H Drilling (dba M R Drilling)	X	X	X		X	
	RES Environmental		X				

NON-SELECTED FIRMS

	Proposer Name	Local SBE	SBE	Minority	Women	Disadvantaged	DisabledVet
2	American International Environmental Inc.						
	Atmospheric Analysis Consulting, Inc.						
	Biogas Engineering			X			
	Carbon Supply, Inc.						
	Crystal Clear						
	Eurofins Calscience, LLC						
	Pure Effect, LLC						
	RES Environmental		X				
	Universal Engineering Sciences						
3	Biogas Engineering			X			
	AtmAA, Inc.						
	Patriot Environmental						
	RES Environmental		X				
	United Rental						
4	CES Group						
	Alliance Source Testing						
	Carbon Supply, Inc.						
	Enthalpy Analytical Laboratory						
5	Landfill Gas Engineering, Inc.						
	Alliance Technical Group						
	AtmAA, Inc.						
	RES Environmental		X				
6	The Converse Professional Group	X	X	X			
	Alliance Technical Group						
	American Environmental Testing Laboratory						
	American Integrated Services						
	ALS Environmental						
	Atlas Copco						
	RES Environmental		X				
	United Rentals						

ENCLOSURE B

Project Summary

Project ID:

BRC0000383

Project Name:

Blanchard and Cogen Landfills Gas Extraction System Maintenance, Monitoring, and Reporting Services

Scope of Services:

To provide landfill gas extraction system maintenance, monitoring, and reporting services for Blanchard and Cogen Landfills located in the County of Los Angeles. The optional pre-proposal conference, which will be a virtual, live event, will take place on January 24, 2023, at 2pm. The link will be provided on this page on the same day.

RFP Issue Date:

1/9/2023

Proposers Conference(s):

(non-mandatory)

900 S. Fremont Ave, Alhambra, CA 91803

Proposal Due Date:

02/13/2023 05:30 PM

Contact Person:

Name:

Simon Lee

Phone:

626-458-2509

Email:

Send Email

Estimate:

\$1,000,000

Plan Holders:

Prime | Sub

~~Bids may be submitted electronically using Bid Express, www.BidExpress.com~~

Documents

Document	Description
Request for Proposal 1 of 2	Request for Proposal 1 of 2
Request for Proposal 2 of 2	Request for Proposal 2 of 2

Pre-Proposal Conference
opw.lacounty.gov

Pre-Proposal Conference

Pre-Proposal Conference Power Point

Pre-Proposal Conference Power Point

Pre-Proposal Conference Sign-In Sheet

Pre-Proposal Conference Sign-In Sheet

Notice To Proposers A (1 of 2)

Notice To Proposers A (1 of 2)

Notice To Proposers A (2 of 2)

Notice To Proposers A (2 of 2)

Optional Site Visit Sign-In Sheet

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Solicitation Information

Solicitation Number:	BRC0000383		
Title:	Blanchard and Cogen Landfills Gas Extraction System Maintenance, Monitoring, and Reporting Services		
Department:	Public Works		
Bid Type:	Service	Bid Amount:	\$1,000,000.00
Commodity:	LANDFILL SERVICES		
Description:	To provide landfill gas extraction system maintenance, monitoring, and reporting services for Blanchard and Cogen Landfills locate...		More
Open Day:	1/9/2023	Closed Date:	2/13/2023 5:30:00 PM
Contact Name:	Simon Lee	Contact Phone:	(626) 458-2509
Contact Email:	SimonLee@dpw.lacounty.gov		
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