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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

June 25, 2024

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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EDWARD YEN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**CONSTRUCTION-RELATED CONTRACTS
PUBLIC CONTRACTING AND ASSET MANAGEMENT CORE SERVICE AREA
ON-CALL MATERIALS TESTING, PAVEMENT MIX DESIGN, AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR
FEDERAL AND NON-FEDERAL FUNDED PROJECTS
AWARD CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENTS
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to award seven consultant services agreements for on-call materials testing, pavement mix design, and inspection services for Federal and non-Federal funded projects throughout Los Angeles County.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and the record.
2. Award and delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute consultant services agreements with AESCO, Inc.; G3 Quality, Inc.; Koury Engineering & Testing, Inc.; RMA Group; S2 Engineering, Incorporated; Sierra Geotech DBE Inc.; and Smith Emery Laboratories, Inc., to provide on-call materials testing, pavement mix design, and inspection services for Federal and non-Federal funded projects. The agreements will be for an initial 3 year term with two 1 year extension options for a total maximum contract term of 5 years. The total aggregate not-to-exceed program amount is \$7,500,000, across all seven agreements for the maximum 5-year term.

3. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to administer each of the agreements and, at the discretion of the Director of Public Works or his designee, exercise the two 1-year extension options based upon project demands and the level of satisfaction with the services provided with no change to the initial not-to-exceed contract amount, and to suspend and/or terminate the contracts for convenience, if it is in the best interest of the County.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to award seven consultant services agreements for on-call materials testing, pavement mix design and inspection services; and authorize Public Works to execute and administer the agreements, including exercising the two 1-year extensions and terminating the agreements for convenience.

These agreements will allow Public Works to provide a wide range of geotechnical and materials testing services to support the design and construction of modern infrastructure throughout the County. The agreements will also provide access to specialized industry expertise which will enhance the technical training of staff, increase technical innovation, and help address a fluctuating workload. The infrastructure delivered through these agreements will have a direct impact on the economic and social wellbeing of County residents and will help the County achieve its sustainability and climate resiliency goals.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: North Star 2, Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, Focus Area Goal D, Sustainability, Strategies, i, Climate Health, ii, Green Economy, iii, Natural Resources, and iv, Environmental Justice, by providing resources to help deliver sustainable and resilient infrastructure throughout the County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total aggregate not-to-exceed program amount is \$7,500,000 for the initial 3-year term, with two 1-year extension options for a maximum duration of 5 years.

Funding for these contracts is included in various Public Works funds in Fiscal Year 2023-24 budgets. Funding to finance future contract years will be requested through the annual budget process. Since the work will be requested through an on-call basis and may be from various funds, work will not be authorized without first ascertaining that funds are available. Total expenditures for these consultant services agreements, however, will not exceed the amount approved by the Board.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

A standard consultant services agreement, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, will be used. The consultant services agreements contain terms and conditions in compliance with the Federal contracting terms, Chief Executive Officer's, and the Board's requirements. The consultant services agreements also include a provision requiring the consultant business firms track subcontractors' utilization of Local Small Business Enterprise, Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise, and Social Enterprise businesses, these agreements include a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise

goal of 20 percent participation, which was reviewed and approved by the California Department of Transportation.

The recommended consultants are AESCO, Inc.; G3 Quality, Inc.; Koury Engineering & Testing, Inc.; RMA Group; S2 Engineering, Incorporated; Sierra Geotech DBE Inc.; and Smith Emery Laboratories, Inc. Upon Board approval the agreements' term will commence upon completion of the California Department of Transportation's financial document audit review of consultants' financials and execution of the agreements by both parties for a 3-year term.

With the Board's delegated authority, Public Works may extend these agreements for two 1-year extension options for a maximum potential total contract term of 5 years.

The recommended consultant services agreements require that consultants demonstrate their good faith efforts to utilize Disadvantaged Business Enterprises.

Enclosure A reflects each consultants' minority participation and Community Business Enterprises participation data.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The recommended actions are not subject to CEQA because they are excluded from the definition of a project by Section 15378(b) of the CEQA Guidelines. The proposed action to award consultant services agreements 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 before the approval of any activities that constitute a project under CEQA.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On June 22, 2023, Public Works issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for on-call materials testing, pavement mix design, and inspection services. The RFP was placed on the County's "Doing Business with the Los Angeles County" website, and "Do Business with Public Works" website (Enclosure B), and X (formerly Twitter). In addition, advertisements were placed in the Daily Breeze, Daily Commerce, LA Opinion, Los Angeles Daily Journal, Long Beach Press-Telegram, Los Angeles Sentinel, Pasadena Star News, Long Beach Press-Telegram, San Gabriel Valley Tribune, Santa Monica Daily Press, and The Signal. Also, Public Works informed over 1,337 Local Small Business Enterprises, 149 Disabled Veteran Businesses Enterprises, and 144 Social Enterprises about this business opportunity. The appropriate Union was notified; however, the Union did not request a consultation. Nine firms registered on the Public Works website for the RFP. A preproposal meeting was held on June 29, 2023. A total of seven proposals were received.

An evaluation committee composed of Public Works staff 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. This RFP originally sought to award six agreements, but

after all seven proposals passed the evaluation/scoring phase, Public Works chose to waive the oral interview phase and award the contracts to all seven firms. The negotiations were conducted, and all seven proposers met the minimum requirements of the RFP and qualified to provide the required services. Public Works determined that the proposers' rates for performing the services are reasonable.

Public Works has evaluated and determined that the Los Angeles County Code 2.201 (Living Wage Program) does not apply to the recommended agreements. The agreements are exempt from the requirements of Proposition A because the services are required on a part-time and intermittent basis. Public Works notified labor unions of this solicitation.

The consultant services agreements include a cost-of-living adjustment provision in accordance with 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 agreements. These agreements will provide necessary on-call materials testing, pavement mix design, and inspection services to support various County projects in an efficient manner enhancing the delivery of County projects and services.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to Public Works, Geotechnical and Materials Engineering Division.

Respectfully submitted,



MARK PESTRELLA, PE

Director

MP:WM:kw

Enclosures

- c: Auditor-Controller (Accounting Division-Asset Management)
- Chief Executive Office (Chia-Ann Yen)
- County Counsel
- Executive Office

**PROPOSERS' UTILIZATION PARTICIPATION AND COMMUNITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM INFORMATION FOR
ON-CALL MATERIALS TETING, PAVEMENT MIX DESIGN, AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR FEDERAL AND NON-FEDERAL FUNDED PROJECTS
BRC0000443**

SELECTED FIRMS

	Proposer Name	Local SBE	SBE	Minority	Women	Disadvantaged	DisabledVet
1	AESCO, Inc.		X		X	X	
	NOVA Services, Inc.						X
	Earthspectives		X				
		Local SBE	SBE	Minority	Women	Disadvantaged	DisabledVet
2	G3 Quality, Inc.						
	AP Engineering	X	X	X		X	
	Applied Research						
	S&T Engineering		X	X		X	
	Earthspectives		X				
		Local SBE	SBE	Minority	Women	Disadvantaged	DisabledVet
3	Koury Engineering & Testing, Inc.						
	MB Professional Services, Inc.		X		X	X	
	Hilltop Geotechnical, Inc.		X			X	
		Local SBE	SBE	Minority	Women	Disadvantaged	DisabledVet
4	RMA Group						
	Advanced Services Industries, Inc.		X				
	CSI Services		X			X	
	Earthspectives		X				
	PRI Asphalt Technologies						
	US Inspection & Consulting						
		Local SBE	SBE	Minority	Women	Disadvantaged	DisabledVet
5	SZ Engineering, Incorporated					X	
	Terracon						
		Local SBE	SBE	Minority	Women	Disadvantaged	DisabledVet
6	Sierra Geotech DBE, Inc.					X	
	No Subconsultants						
		Local SBE	SBE	Minority	Women	Disadvantaged	DisabledVet
7	Smith Emery Laboratories, Inc.					X	
	AESCO, Inc.		X		X	X	

*Information provided by proposers in response to the Request for Proposal. On final analysis and consideration of award, vendors were selected without regard to race, creed, gender, or color.

NON-SELECTED FIRMS

	Proposer Name	Local SBE	SBE	Minority	Women	Disadvantaged	DisabledVet
	None - all proposers were selected to be awarded.						

FIRM INFORMATION*		AESCO, Inc.	G3 Quality, Inc.	Koury Engineering & Testing, Inc.	RMA Group	S2 Engineering, Incorporated	Sierra Geotech DBE, Inc.	Smith Emery Laboratories, Inc.
BUSINESS STRUCTURE		Corporation	Corporation	Corporation	Corporation	Corporation	Corporation	Corporation
CULTURAL/ETHNIC COMPOSITION		NUMBER/% OF OWNERSHIP						
OWNERS/PARTNE	Black/African American							
	Hispanic/Latino							
	Asian or Pacific Islander					1		2
	American Indian							
	Filipino							
	White	2	2	2	1		1	2
	<i>Female (included above)</i>	1	1	1				1
		NUMBER						
MANAGER	Black/African American	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Hispanic/Latino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Asian or Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	American Indian	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Filipino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	<i>Female (included above)</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
STAFF	Black/African American	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Hispanic/Latino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Asian or Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	American Indian	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Filipino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	<i>Female (included above)</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total No. of Employees		27	132	60	319	39	26	18
COUNTY CERTIFICATION								
CBE		Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y
LSBE		N	N	N	N	N	N	N
OTHER CERTIFYING AGENCY		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Project Summary

Project ID:

BRC0000443

Project Name:

On-Call Materials Testing, Pavement Mix Design, and Inspection Services for Federal and Non-Federal Projects

Scope of Services:

RFP Issue Date:

6/22/2023

Proposers Conference(s):

(non-mandatory)

Teams Live Event, Alhambra, CA 91803

Proposal Due Date:

07/24/2023 05:30 PM

Contact Person:

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Simon Lee

Phone:

626-458-2509

Email:

[Send Email](#)

Estimate:

\$7,500,000

Plan Holders:

Prime | Sub

Documents

Document	Description
Request for Proposal	Request for Proposal
Optional Pre-Proposal Conference 6/29/23 @ 2pm (Teams Live Event)	Optional Pre-Proposal Conference 6/29/23 @ 2pm (Teams Live Event)
Sign-In Sheet for Optional Pre-Proposal Conerence	Sign-In Sheet for Optional Pre-Proposal Conerence

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