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July 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:

**CONSTRUCTION-RELATED CONTRACTS  
PUBLIC CONTRACTING AND ASSET MANAGEMENT CORE SERVICE AREA  
AWARD CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENTS  
ON-CALL ENGINEERING DESIGN AND SUPPORT SERVICES  
FOR DESIGN DIVISION  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Public Works is seeking Board approval to award seven consultant services agreements to provide on-call engineering design and support services for Design Division for 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 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 one small-sized firm (VCA Engineers, Inc.); three medium-sized firms (CASC Engineering and Consulting, Inc., CWE, and DRP Engineering, Inc.); and three large-sized firms (KPF, Inc., Michael Baker International, and T.Y. Lin International) to provide on-call engineering design and support services. 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 \$30,000,000 across all seven agreements for the maximum 5-year term. These consultant services agreements will be subject to the additional extension provisions.

3. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to authorize additional services and extend the contract expiration date for each of the seven agreements, as necessary, to complete those additional services when they are: (a) previously unforeseen, (b) related to a previously assigned scope of work on a given project, and (c) are necessary for the completion of that given project.

4. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to supplement the initial not-to-exceed program amount of \$30,000,000 by up to 10 percent of the original program amount based on workload requirements. The aggregate program amount of such amendments shall not exceed 25 percent of the original program amount.

5. 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 program 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 engineering design and support services due to the large number of projects anticipated to be under construction by Public Works and to find that they are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The proposed consultant services will provide additional staff and expertise to allow Public Works to provide engineering and technical support services for various infrastructure/horizontal construction projects located throughout the County. Projects may include utilities, including water and sewer lines, water-related infrastructure such as dams, channels and pumps, traffic mobility infrastructure, and storm water quality and capture projects related to the Safe Clean Water Program. Having access to on-call agreements will allow Public Works to quickly respond to fluctuations in workload and deliver modern infrastructure to the communities we serve.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: North Star 1, Make Investments that Transform Lives, Focus Area Goal B, Employment and Sustainable Wages, Strategy iii, Job Creation, and Strategy iv, Sustainable Wages, by creating new employment opportunities and new on-call service contracts that support local small businesses.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact on the County General Fund.

A not-to-exceed total program amount of \$30,000,000, plus a 25 percent supplement (totaling \$7,500,000), for a maximum of \$37,500,000 for all seven consulting agreements over a 3 year period with two optional 1-year extensions for a maximum duration of 5 years, subject to the additional extension provisions. It is expected the initial 3-year term of the agreements will start in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 and conclude in FY 2026-27. The two 1-year extension options, if exercised, would be operative through FY 2027-28 and FY 2028-29. When the 25 percent supplement is exercised by Public Works, a notification will be made to the Board.

Sufficient funding to finance work orders for these agreements will be financed through the appropriate capital, refurbishment, infrastructure, or various operating and special fund(s). For capital projects and refurbishments, no work will be assigned to these consultants without prior review and funding verification from the Chief Executive Office.

For Public Works' infrastructure and maintenance projects, no work will be assigned to these consultants without the appropriate funding authorization.

Expenditures for the subject services incurred by Public Works' Internal Service Fund Capital Project Management Program (B04) will be reimbursed through approved individual project budgets.

### **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 Chief Executive Officer's and the Board's requirements.

The term of each consultant services agreement shall commence on the date of the full execution of the agreement and shall extend for a period of 3 years from such commencement date, plus two 1-year extension options for each firm, for a maximum agreement duration of 5 years. The expiration of each of the consultant services agreements 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 consultant prior to the stated expiration date, the expiration date will be automatically extended solely to allow for the completion of such services.

Each consultants' minority participation and utilization data (Enclosure A) and the Community Business Enterprises participation data (Enclosure B) are included for reference.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The recommended actions are not subject to CEQA because they are activities that are excluded from the definition of a project by Section 21065 of the Public Resources Code and Section 15378(b) of CEQA Guidelines. The proposed actions relating to award and extension of on-call engineering design and support services is an administrative activity of government, which will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment. We will return to the Board as necessary for consideration of appropriate environmental documentation prior to the approval of any activities that constitute a project under CEQA.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

On August 24, 2023, Public Works issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for on-call engineering design and support services. The RFP was placed on the County's "Doing Business with Los Angeles County" website (Enclosure C) and Public Works' "Do Business with Public Works" website, and advertisements were placed in the Daily Breeze, Daily Commerce, LA Opinión, Los Angeles Daily Journal, Los Angeles Sentinel, Pasadena Star News, San Gabriel Valley Tribune, Santa Monica Daily Press, The Signal, and World Journal. Also, Public Works informed 1,553 Local Small Business Enterprises, 164 Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises, and 181 Social Enterprises about this business opportunity. The appropriate Union was notified; however, the Union did not request a consultation. Sixty firms registered on the Public Works' website for this RFP.

The RFP allowed firms to compete as primes in one of three categories: small-, medium-, or large-sized firms. Each firm was requested to certify its own size based on number of personnel for competition with other firms in the same size category. The RFP stated that a total of up to six firms would be awarded contracts as follows: two small-sized firms (with 25 or fewer personnel), two medium-sized firms (with 26 to 75 personnel), and two large-sized firms (with over 75 personnel).

On October 16, 2023, a total of 17 proposals were received: three small-sized firms, four medium-sized firms, and ten large-sized firms. The RFP also stated that prior to award, the County reserves the right to increase or decrease the number of selected firms in any size category. Two small-sized firms and one medium-sized firm did not pass the initial pass/fail evaluation for not meeting the minimum mandatory requirements. Public Works is exercising its right to distribute the extra small-sized firm contract to the medium-sized firms and elected to increase the contracts for large-sized firms from two to three.

Evaluation committees, each consisting of Public Works' staff, evaluated the proposals based on criteria described in the RFP, including technical expertise, experience, personnel, qualifications, and understanding of the work requirements. Based on the evaluation of the proposals, the following firms were selected without regard to race, creed, color, or gender: one small-sized firm (VCA Engineers, Inc); three medium-sized firms (CASC Engineering and Consulting, Inc., CWE; and DRP Engineering, Inc.); and three large-sized firms (KPF Inc., Michael Baker International; and T.Y. Lin International).

The firms selected represent the best qualified firms to provide the required services. Public Works has determined that the firms' proposed rates for performing the services are reasonable. Three-year contracting history for the selected firms is on file with Public Works. Public Works notified the Union of this solicitation.

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

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

### **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 services agreements. These consultant services agreements will provide necessary on-call engineering design and support services for Design Division to efficiently assist various County projects, thereby, enhancing the delivery of Public Works and County projects.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

7/23/2024

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**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to Public Works, Design Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Pestrella". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

MARK PESTRELLA, PE

Director

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Enclosures

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

**FIRMS' UTILIZATION PARTICIPATION AND COMMUNITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM  
INFORMATION FOR  
ON-CALL ENGINEERING DESIGN AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR DESIGN DIVISION**

**SELECTED FIRMS**

	<b>Firm Name (Prime with subcontractors listed below)</b>	<b>Local Small Business Enterprise</b>	<b>Small Business Enterprise</b>	<b>Minority</b>	<b>Women-Owned</b>	<b>Disadvantaged Business Enterprise</b>	<b>Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise</b>
<b>Small-Sized Business Category Firm Name</b>							
1	<b>VAC Engineering, Incorporated</b>	X	X	X		X	
	Atinza Engineering Inc.		X			X	
	DRP Engineering, Inc.	X	X	X		X	
	Ethel G Rubio Associates (AIA)	X	X	X	X	X	
	Foregrounds Landscape						
	Hongjoo Kim Landscape Architects, Inc.	X	X	X		X	
	Jacobus & Yuang, Inc.		X				
	KCS Specifications						
	Meridian Consultants		X				
	Ninyo & Moore			X			
	Onur Ulgen Inc. (PMC)						
	PBS Engineering, Inc.	X	X			X	
	SKA Design		X	X		X	
	SWA Architects	X	X	X			
	Ultra-Engineering Contractors, Inc.				X		
<b>Medium-Sized Business Category Firm Name</b>							
1	<b>CASC Engineering and Consulting, Inc.</b>						
	Barnett Quality Control Services dba Nova Services, Inc.						X
	DTA						
	FMF Pandion	X	X			X	X
	HDR Engineering						
	Mead and Hunt, Inc.						
	Nuvis					X	
	VCA Engineers, Inc.	X	X	X		X	
2	<b>CWE</b>			X			
	C Below						
	DBS&A / Geo-Logic						
	Digital Mapping, Inc.			X	X		

	DTA						
	HDR						
	JCCA	X	X				
	KOA Corporation						
	LENAX Construction Services, Inc.			X	X		
	Psomas						
	Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.						
	SWA Group						
	Terracon Consultants, Inc.						
	Thompson & Thompson	X	X				
3	<b>DRP Engineering, Inc.</b>	X	X	X		X	
	ARGUP US, Inc.						X
	Calvada Surveying, Inc.						
	DTA						
	Geosyntec						
	Glumac						
	Gruen Associates			X			
	HDR Engineering, Inc.						
	Hongjoo Kim Landscape Architects	X	X	X		X	
	Kyle Groundwater, Inc.						
	Murakawa Communications			X	X	X	
	Ninyo & Moore			X			
	Project Partners, Inc.			X		X	
	Safeprobe						
	SAGE (Alliance Group)		X	X		X	
	Stantec						
	SWA Architects						
	UltraSystems Environmental, Inc.	X	X		X	X	
	Uniplan Engineering, Inc.		X				
	VCA Engineering, Inc.	X	X	X		X	
	Wagner Engineering and Survey, Inc.	X	X		X	X	
<b>Large-Sized Business Category Firm Name</b>							
1	<b>Michael Baker International</b>						
	Accessibility Specialists						
	Arellano Associates		X	X	X	X	
	Aztec Engineering						
	BESS Testlabs			X		X	
	Blue Ocean Civil Consulting		X	X	X	X	
	Cal Pacific Sciences						

	California Watershed Engineering			X			
	Cogstone Resources Management				X	X	
	D'Leon Engineers	X	X	X		X	
	Epic Land Solutions, Inc.	X	X			X	
	FPL and Associates, Inc.		X			X	
	G3 Quality Inc.		X				
	Gwynne Pugh Urban Studio	X	X			X	
	Kilograph		X		X	X	
	NBS Public Finance Services						
	Ninyo & Moore			X			
	PBS Engineers inc.	X	X	X		X	
2	<b>T.Y. Lin International</b>						
	Arellano Associates		X	X	X	X	
	Blackhawk Environmental						X
	Chateau Vallon CO	X	X				X
	CNS Engineers		X			X	
	CR Associates (Che Ryan)			X	X	X	
	Craftwater Engineering		X				X
	Diaz-Yourman Associates		X			X	
	Fehr & Peers						
	GPA Consulting	X	X		X	X	
	Guida Surveying		X				
	IEM (Integrated Engineering Management)		X		X	X	
	Introba						
	LENAX		X		X	X	
	LIN Consulting	X	X	X		X	
	Lynn Capouya Inc		X		X		
	Monument ROW		X		X	X	
	NBS						
	NOVA Services (Barnett Quality)		X				X
	Perkins & Will						
	Professional Software Solutions						
	RJH Consultants						
	RSE Corporation					X	
	SafeProbe, Inc		X			X	
	Seven Elk Ranch Design Inc.				X		
	Simpson & Simpson	X	X				
	Studio-MLA		X	X	X	X	
	Suenram Associates		X		X	X	



	The American Engineers		X	X		X	
	Zen Engineering		X				
3	<b>KPFF, Inc.</b>						
	A+ (Arborgate Consulting)						
	AirX						
	dHA-Calpec	X	X	X		X	
	Diaz Yourman		X	X		X	
	Fehr & Peers						
	Geosyntec						
	GPA Consulting (Galvin Preservation Associates Inc)	X	X	X	X	X	
	Group Delta						
	Lenax		X		X	X	
	MIG						
	P2G						
	Perkin & Will						
	Rios						
	River Focus						
	SWA			X			
	Taha (Terry A. Hayes Associates, Inc.)		X			X	
	Titan AEC (Nexus AEC, LLC)	X	X	X		X	

## NONSELECTED FIRMS

	Firm Name (Prime with subcontractors listed below)	Local Small Business Enterprise	Small Business Enterprise	Minority	Women-Owned	Disadvantaged Business Enterprise	Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise
<b>Small-Sized Business Category Firm Name</b>							
	NONE						
<b>Medium-Sized Business Category Firm Name</b>							
	NONE						
<b>Large-Sized Business Category Firm Name</b>							
1	<b>AECOM Technical Services, Inc.</b>						
	ADVANTEC Consulting Engineers, Inc.	X	X			X	
	AirX Utility Surveyors, Inc.			X			
	Arellano Associates			X	X	X	
	Blackhawk Environmental						X
	Diaz Consulting Inc. dba Diaz Yourman & Associates		X			X	
	Integrated Engineering Management dba IEM				X	X	
	Leland Saylor Associates						X
	Lenax Construction Services, Inc.				X	X	
	LIN Consulting, Inc.			X		X	
	Lynn Capouya, Inc.				X		
	MA Engineering			X		X	
	Monumen ROW				X	X	
	NBS Government Finance Group		X		X		
	PacRim Engineering, Inc.		X		X		
	Suenram & Associates, Inc.		X	X	X	X	
	Wagner Engineering & Survey, Inc.				X	X	
2	<b>Cordoba Corporation</b>						
	David Evans & Associates						
	Dewberry Engineers Inc						
	D'Leon Consulting Engineers		X	X		X	
	Keyser Marston Associates						
	MLA Green			X	X	X	
	Monumen ROW		X		X	X	
	Nexus AEC, LLC dba Titan AE	X	X	X		X	
	PQM					X	
	V & A			X		X	
	Vicus LLC		X			X	
3	<b>EXP U.S. Services, Inc.</b>						

	Arellano Associates		X			X	
	AYCE Consulting Engineers		X				
	Bridge Diagnostics, Inc.						
	D R Consultants & Designers					X	
	DTA						
	Epic Land Solutions, Inc.						
	Geo-Advantec, Inc.						
	Guida Surveying, Inc.				X		
	JSE4 Engineering, Inc.		X		X	X	
	Kleinfelder						
	LA360VR		X				
	MARRS Services, Inc.			X	X		
	Minagar & Associates, Inc.	X	X				
	Murdoch Architects		X				
	Rincon Consultants, Inc.						
	Rubicon Corporation		X		X	X	
	SHA Analytics, LLC					X	
	Tatsumi and Partners, Inc.		X			X	
	Tovar Geospatial					X	X
4	<b>Huitt-Zollars, Incorporated</b>						
	AWE Wesst						
	C-Below						
	Class One Arboriculture						
	Geo-Advantec, Inc.	X	X				
	OCMI, Inc.						X
	Ruth Villalobos & Associates, Inc.		X		X	X	
	S Y Lee Associates						
5	<b>John Labib Structural Engineers, LLP</b>						
	Cumming						
	Geocon						
	KOA						
	P2S						
	RA_DA						
	SALT-LA		X				
	TRC						
	Tree Path						
	Yagade Consulting	X	X				
	Younghusband Consultant, Inc.						
6	<b>Psomas</b>						

	Archway Systems						
	Buro Happold						
	Craft Water		X				X
	DTA						
	Ellana Construction Consultants, Inc.				X	X	
	GeoVision					X	
	JCE Strutral Engineering Group, Inc.	X	X	X		X	
	Kleinfelder						
	Leland Saylor Associates		X				X
	LIN Consulting, Inc.			X		X	
	Monuent ROW		X		X	X	
	NAC Architecture						
	Nazareth Civil			X		X	
	O'Day Consultants, Inc.						X
	PacRim Engineering		X	X		X	
	RAW International, Inc.	X	X	X		X	
	RIOS						
	Royal Welding & Fabricating (Cook & Cook)						
	SA Associates		X				
	Selbert Perkins Desgn	X	X		X		
	Toole Design (TDG Engineering Inc)				X		
	US CAD						
	Watearth	X	X		X	X	
7	<b>Willdan Engineering</b>						
	Akima Consulting				X	X	
	Bess Testlab			X		X	
	Calvada Surveying			X			X
	Digital Mapping Inc.			X	X		
	JET Drilling		X				
	Kana Subsurface Engineering						X
	MBE Media				X	X	
	Trinus Corporation			X	X		
	West Coast Arborists						
	WILTEC	X	X				
	Winston Engineering					X	

**FIRM'S UTILIZATION PARTICIPATION AND COMMUNITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM  
INFORMATION FOR ON-CALL ENGINEERING DESIGN AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR DESIGN  
DIVISION**

<b>FIRM INFORMATION*</b>	<b>VCA Engineers, Incorporated</b>	<b>CASC Engineering and Consulting, Inc.</b>	<b>CWE</b>	<b>DRP Engineering, Inc.</b>	<b>Michael Baker International</b>	<b>T.Y. Lin International</b>	<b>KPFF, Inc.</b>
<b>BUSINESS STRUCTURE</b>	Corporation	Corporation	Corporation	Corporation	Corporation	Corporation	
<b>CULTURAL/ETHNIC COMPOSITION</b>	<b>NUMBER / % OF OWNERSHIP</b>	<b>NUMBER / % OF OWNERSHIP</b>	<b>NUMBER / % OF OWNERSHIP</b>	<b>NUMBER / % OF OWNERSHIP</b>	<b>NUMBER / % OF OWNERSHIP</b>	<b>NUMBER / % OF OWNERSHIP</b>	<b>NUMBER / % OF OWNERSHIP</b>
Black/African American					N/A	N/A	
Hispanic/Latino			1/25%		N/A	N/A	4/5%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1/50%		2/50%	1/50%	N/A	N/A	5/6%
American Indian	1/50%				N/A	N/A	
Filipino					N/A	N/A	
White		1/100%	1/25%	1/50%	N/A	N/A	72/89%
Female (included above)			1		N/A	N/A	7
<b>OWNERS/PARTNERS</b>							



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**Solicitation Information**

<b>Solicitation Number:</b>	BRC0000456		
<b>Title:</b>	On-Call Engineering Design and Support Services for Design Division		
<b>Department:</b>	Public Works		
<b>Bid Type:</b>	Service	<b>Bid Amount:</b>	\$30,000,000.00
<b>Commodity:</b>	ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES - DESIGNING SERVICES		
<b>Description:</b>	Please see the Request For Proposal (RFP) packet, under Scope of Services, at Do Business With Public Works website at <a href="https://d...">https://d...</a> <a href="#">More</a>		
<b>Open Day:</b>	8/24/2023	<b>Closed Date:</b>	10/16/2023 5:30:00 PM
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