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September 24, 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:

**SERVICES CONTRACT  
WATER RESOURCES CORE SERVICE AREA  
ON-CALL WATER QUALITY OPERATION MAINTENANCE, MONITORING,  
AND RELATED SERVICES  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)  
(3 VOTES)**

**CIO RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE (X) APPROVE WITH MODIFICATION ( )  
DISAPPROVE ( )**

**SUBJECT**

Public Works is seeking Board approval to execute four consultant services agreements to provide on call water quality operation maintenance, monitoring, and related services on behalf of the County of Los Angeles.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find that the proposed actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter.
2. Award and delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute four consultant services agreements with the following firms: Black & Veatch Corporation; CWE (County Community Business Enterprise); NV5, Inc.; and Tetra Tech, Inc., for an aggregate not to exceed program amount of \$10 million across all four agreements for the entire 3 year term plus two 1-year extension options if exercised. These consultant services agreements will be subject to the additional extension provisions specified below.

3. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to authorize additional services and extend the contract expiration dates for each of the four agreements 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.

4. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to supplement the initial not to exceed program amount of \$10 million by up to 25 percent of the original program amount based on workload requirements.

5. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to administer the agreements and at the discretion of the Director of Public Works or his designee to exercise the options extending these agreements for the two 1-year extension options based upon project demands and the level of satisfaction with the services provided with no change to initial not-to-exceed program amount, and to suspend/terminate these agreements for convenience, if necessary and appropriate to do so in the discretion of the Director of Public Works.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to retain four consulting firms to provide Public Works with as-needed water quality operation maintenance, monitoring, and related services within Los Angeles County. The services include but are not limited to: tasks related to operation and maintenance of stormwater quality systems; best management practices monitoring and optimization; telemetry and Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system implementation and oversight; education and training; and information technology (IT) related work. The recommended actions will enable Public Works to fulfill its missions as well as comply with local, State, and Federal rules, regulations, and mandates.

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

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: North Star 1, Make Investments that Transform Lives, Focus Area Goal A, Healthy Individuals and Families, Strategy ii, Improve Health Outcomes, by promoting the improvement of physical health outcomes through the operation of systems designed to improve water quality for Los Angeles County residents.

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: North Star 2, Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, Focus Area Goal D, Sustainability, Strategy iii, Natural Resources, by supporting thriving ecosystems, habitats, and biodiversity in Los Angeles County waterbodies.

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: North Star 3, Realize Tomorrow's Government Today, Focus Area Goal F, Flexible and Efficient Infrastructure, Strategy ii, Modernize Infrastructure, by evaluating and identifying needs to replace or modernize water quality infrastructure built through capital projects.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The total cost of the as-needed consultant services will not exceed an aggregate total program amount of \$10 million plus a 25 percent supplement (totaling \$12.5 million) for four consulting firms over a 3-year period with two optional 1-year extensions. The initial 3-year term of the agreements

will start during 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, the Board will be notified.

Total expenditures for these services will not exceed the amount approved by the Board. Funding for the first year of services is available in various Public Works FY 2024-25 budgets, primarily the Public Works General Fund (A01 – Services and Supplies) under the Unincorporated Areas Stormwater and Urban Runoff Quality Program. Funding to finance the contract's remaining years and 25 percent supplemental funding 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 services agreements contain terms and conditions in compliance with the Chief Executive Officer and 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.

In compliance with Board Policy 6.020, Chief Information Office (CIO) Board letter approval, the CIO has reviewed the IT components of this request and recommends approval. The CIO determined this recommended action does not include any IT items or services that would necessitate a formal written CIO analysis.

Enclosure A reflects each consultant's minority participation and the Community Business Enterprises' participation data.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The recommended actions are not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (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 September 25, 2023, Public Works released a Request for Proposals (RFP). The RFP was advertised on the County's "Doing Business with Us" website (Enclosure B) and Public Works' "Contract Opportunities" website, and in the Los Angeles Daily Journal, Los Angeles Sentinel, La Opinión, San Gabriel Valley Tribune, Pasadena Star News, Press Telegram, Santa Monica Daily Press, Daily Breeze, The Signal, and World Journal. Public Works also informed 1,499 Local Small

Business Enterprises, 1,385 Community Based Organizations, 906 Community Business Enterprises, 179 Social Enterprises, and 162 Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises about this business opportunity. Twenty-one (21) firms registered on Public Works' website for this RFP.

On November 21, 2023, a total of four proposals were received. The evaluation committee, 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: Black & Veatch Corporation; CWE; NV5, Inc.; and Tetra Tech, Inc.

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 employee 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 water quality operation maintenance, monitoring, and related services on behalf of the County.

### **CONCLUSION**

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

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

9/24/2024

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Respectfully submitted,



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Director



Peter Loo  
Chief Information Officer

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Chia-Ann Yen,  
Peter Loo)  
County Counsel (Truc Moore)  
Executive Office

**PROPOSERS' UTILIZATION PARTICIPATION AND COMMUNITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM INFORMATION FOR  
ON-CALL WATER QUALITY OPERATION MAINTENANCE, MONITORING  
AND RELATED SERVICES**

	<b>Selected Firms</b>	<b>Local SBE</b>	<b>SBE</b>	<b>Minority</b>	<b>Women</b>	<b>Disadvantaged</b>	<b>DisabledVet</b>	<b>Social Enterprise</b>	<b>Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Questioning-Owned Business Enterprise</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Black &amp; Veatch Corporation</b>								
1	Aztec Film		X						
2	Craftwater Engineering, Inc.		X				X		
3	CWE		X	X					
4	Downstream Services, Inc.								
5	Eurofins Environment Testing Southwest LLC								
6	GDML Holdings DBA Dake Landscaping		X						
7	Long Beach Conservation Corps								
8	Los Angeles Conservation Corps, Inc.								
9	Mariposa Landscapes, Inc.			X					
10	Multi W Systems, Inc.								
11	Physis Environmental Laboratories, Inc.		X						
12	United Storm Water, Inc.			X					
13	Weck Laboratories, Inc.		X	X					
14	WSP USA Inc.								
<b>2</b>	<b>Tetra Tech, Inc.</b>								
1	Apex Companies, LLC								
2	CASC Engineering and Consulting, Inc.		X						
3	Council for Watershed Health							X	
4	Downstream Services, Inc.		X						
5	Eurofins Environment Testing Southwest, LLC								
6	FMF Pandion	X	X			X	X		
7	Hassan Davani								
8	Herrera Environmental Consultants								
9	Hylan West, Inc.								
10	Kayuga Solution, Inc.		X	X					
11	PERC Water Corporation								
12	Physis Environmental Laboratories, Inc.		X						

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13	Richard Watson & Associates								
14	Southern California Coastal Water Research Project								
15	Sustainable Landesign	X	X	X					
16	United Storm Water, Inc.			X					
17	Waterth, Inc.	X	X		X	X			X
<b>3</b>	<b>CWE</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>					
1	Amigos de los Rios								
2	Aztec Film		X						
3	Black & Veatch								
4	Conservation Corps of Long Beach								
5	Downstream Services, Inc.		X						
6	Enthalpy Analytical, LLC								
7	Psomas								
8	SWA Group								
9	Terracon Consultants								
10	United Storm Water, Inc.			X					
11	Weston Solutions, Inc.								
<b>4</b>	<b>NV5, Inc.</b>								
1	American Integrated Services, Inc. (AIS)			X					
2	Aquatic Bioassay and Consulting Laboratories, Inc.								
3	Aztec Film								
4	C Below								
5	California Environmental Controls, Inc. DBA Pureflow Ozone Div.								
6	Downstream Services, Inc.		X						
7	EcoAnalysts, Inc.								

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8	Enthalpy Analytical, LLC								
9	Eurofins Environment Testing Southwest, LLC								
10	JHA Environmental, Inc.								
11	Multi W Systems, Inc.		X						
12	Oakridge Landscape, Inc.								
13	Patron Labs, Inc. DBA Applied Microbiological Services								
14	Physis Environmental Laboratories, Inc.								
15	Solitude Lake Management, LLC								
16	Stover Seed Company								
17	Tesco Controls, LLC								
18	United Storm Water, Inc.			X					
19	Utility Systems Science & Software, Inc.			X					
20	Weck Laboratories, Inc.			X					
	<b>Non-Selected Firms</b>	<b>Local SBE</b>	<b>SBE</b>	<b>Minority</b>	<b>Women</b>	<b>Disadvantaged</b>	<b>DisabledVet</b>	<b>Social Enterprise</b>	<b>Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgedner, Queer, and Questioning-Owned Business Enterprise</b>
	<b>N/A</b>								



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<b>FIRM INFORMATION*</b>	Black & Veatch Corporation	Tetra Tech, Inc.	CWE	NV5, Inc.		
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<b>BUSINESS STRUCTURE</b>	Corporation	Corporation	Corporation	Corporation		
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<b>CULTURAL/ETHNIC COMPOSITION</b>		<b>NUMBER / % OF OWNERSHIP</b>				
<b>OWNERS/PARTNE</b>	Black/African American	Employee Owned	Employee Owned	Publicly Traded Company		
	Hispanic/Latino				1/48.7%	
	Asian or Pacific Islander				2/51%	
	Native Americans					
	Subcontinent Asian					
	White				1/0.3%	
	Female (included above)				1/0.3%	

<b>COUNTY CERTIFICATION</b>						
CBE	N/A	N/A	X	N/A		
LSBE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		

<b>OTHER CERTIFYING AGENCY</b>	N/A	N/A	CPUC, DGS	N/A		
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\*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.



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Solicitation Information

Solicitation Number:	BRC0000420		
Title:	On-Call Water Quality Operation Maintenance, Monitoring and Related Services		
Department:	Public Works		
Bid Type:	Service	Bid Amount:	\$10,000,000.00
Commodity:	CONSULTING SERVICES - ENGINEERING		
Description:	<p>Visit Public Works website at <a href="https://dpw.lacounty.gov/contracts/opportunities.aspx">https://dpw.lacounty.gov/contracts/opportunities.aspx</a> to access RFP documents. Proposals received after the deadline will not be accepted.</p> <p>Los Angeles County Public Works (Public Works) is inviting proposals from qualified firms to provide On-Call Water Quality Operation Maintenance, Monitoring, and Related Services for work located throughout County of Los Angeles. The objective of this solicitation is to select up to two firms that are the best qualified to provide the requested services. Each selected Consultant will be awarded an aggregate not-to-exceed program amount of \$10,000,000.</p> <p>A pre-proposal virtual conference to answer questions concerning the project will be held on Tuesday October 10, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams. Those who wish to attend must click the link titled "Pre-Proposal Conference Meeting (Live)" on the project page located at the website below to join.</p> <p><a href="https://dpw.lacounty.gov/contracts/opportunities.aspx">https://dpw.lacounty.gov/contracts/opportunities.aspx</a></p> <p>Submit questions relating to this solicitation to person listed below.</p>		
Open Day:	9/25/2023	Closed Date:	11/7/2023 5:30:00 PM
Contact Name:	Rori Rubia	Contact Phone:	(626) 458-2584
Contact Email:	rrubia@dpw.lacounty.gov		
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