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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, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**SERVICE CONTRACTS
MUNICIPAL SERVICES CORE SERVICE AREA
AWARD OF SERVICE CONTRACTS FOR GRAFFITI REMOVAL SERVICES IN
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5 AND FLOOD CONTROL FACILITIES
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3-VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to award five Proposition A service contracts for graffiti removal services in the unincorporated areas within Supervisorial District 5 and Flood Control Facilities.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the contract work is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter.
2. Find that these services can be more economically performed by independent contractors than by County employees.
3. Award and direct the Chair of the Board to execute five service contracts, three with Harbor Area Gang Alternatives Program, a Social Enterprise, for East Area of Flood Control Facilities, West Area of Flood Control Facilities, and South Area of Flood Control Facilities; and two with Woods Maintenance Services, Inc., dba Graffiti Control Systems, a Local Small Business Enterprise, for Supervisorial District 5 North and Supervisorial District 5 South, for graffiti removal services. These service contracts will be for a period of 1 year with four 1-year renewal options and month-to-month extensions up to 6 months for maximum potential contract terms of 66 months, and maximum

potential contract sums of \$1,726,923 for East Area of Flood Control Facilities, \$3,423,962 for West Area of Flood Control Facilities, \$3,423,962 for South Area of Flood Control Facilities, \$1,173,307 for Supervisorial District 5 North, and \$2,346,878 for Supervisorial District 5 South.

4. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to renew these service contracts for each additional renewal option and extension period if, in the opinion of the Director of Public Works or his designee, the contractors have successfully performed during the previous contracts' period and the services are still required; to approve and execute amendments to incorporate necessary changes within the scope of work; and to suspend and/or terminate the contracts for convenience if it is in the best interest of the County to do so.

5. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to annually increase these contracts' amounts up to an additional 10 percent of the annual contracts' sums, which is included in the maximum potential contracts' sums for unforeseen additional work within the scope of the contracts, if required.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to award five service contracts for graffiti removal services in the unincorporated areas within Supervisorial District 5 and Flood Control Facilities. The work to be performed will consist of removing graffiti on various surfaces by using chemical solvents, pressure washing, painting, and performing paint-out projects to reduce graffiti in the area.

The goal of Public Works' Graffiti Abatement Program is to promptly and consistently remove graffiti in unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, thereby reducing its presence over time. Awarding these contracts will positively impact residents' quality of life by helping to maintain clean, graffiti-free environments.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: North Star 2, Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, Focus Area Goal C, Public Safety, Strategy i, Prevention, Protection, and Security, by supporting and investing in innovative practices, crime prevention resources, and infrastructure to provide protection and security by hiring contractors that have specialized expertise to provide these services accurately, efficiently, timely, and in a responsive manner.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The annual service contracts' sums for each area are based on each contract's terms proposed price quoted by each contractor and our estimated annual utilization of the contractors' services at the geographic locations covered under these contracts. These amounts are listed in the Award Schedule (Enclosure A) with maximum potential contract sums of \$1,726,923 for East Area of Flood Control Facilities, \$3,423,962 for West Area of Flood Control Facilities, \$3,423,962 for South Area of Flood Control Facilities, \$1,173,307 for Supervisorial District 5 North, and \$2,346,878 for Supervisorial District 5 South, if all optional renewals are exercised, including 6 month-to-month extensions and 10 percent of the annual contracts' sums for unforeseen work within the scope of these service contracts.

The initial term of each service contract is 1 year, beginning on September 1, 2025, or upon Board approval, whichever occurs later, at the annual contract amounts and maximum potential sums

specified in Enclosure A. Each contract includes four optional 1-year renewals and may be extended on a month-to-month basis up to 6 additional months, for a total potential contract term of up to 66 months. The County may also authorize an extension of time to the contracts' maximum potential term not to exceed 180 days with no additional funding.

Funding for the initial year of service is available in the Public Works General Fund (A01 - Services and Supplies), Road Fund (B03 - Services and Supplies), Internal Service Fund (B04 - Services and Supplies), and Special Road District 5 Fund (CP5 - Services and Supplies) Fiscal Year 2025-26 budgets. The Internal Service Fund will be reimbursed by the Flood Control District Fund for expenditures associated with Flood Control Facilities. When the need arises for services under these contracts, financing the required services will be from the appropriate funding source. Total annual expenditures for these services, however, will not exceed the annual contracts' amounts approved by the Board. Funding to finance the contracts' optional years and 10 percent additional funding for contingencies will be requested through the annual budget process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

County Counsel has approved the recommended service contracts as to form, which have been executed by Harbor Area Gang Alternatives Program and Woods Maintenance Services, Inc., dba Graffiti Control Systems (Enclosures B.1 through B.5). The recommended service contracts were solicited on an open-competitive basis and are in accordance with applicable Federal, State, and County requirements.

Standard service contracts were used that contain terms and conditions in compliance with the Board's ordinances, policies, and programs. Enclosure C reflects the proposers' utilization participation and Community Business Enterprise program information. Data regarding the proposers' minority participation is on file with Public Works. The contractors were selected upon final analysis and consideration without regard to race, creed, gender, or color.

This work is being contracted in accordance with procedures authorized under County Charter, Section 44.7, Part 3, and Chapter 2.121 (Contracting with Private Business) of the Los Angeles County Code. The mandatory requirements for contracting set forth in the Los Angeles County Code, Section 2.121.380, have been met.

The recommended contractors have agreed to pay their employees the current Living Wage Rate approved by the Board on December 1, 2015, and to comply with the County's Living Wage reporting requirements. The County's Proposition A and Living Wage Ordinance provisions apply to these proposed service contracts as County employees can perform these contracted services. These service contracts comply with all of the requirements of the Los Angeles County Code, Section 2.201. In addition, the contractors understand and agree that the contracted work involves public works as defined by Section 1720 of the California Labor Code. The contractors represent and guarantee that the service contracts are in full compliance with the applicable provisions of the Labor Code relating to payment of prevailing wages.

Using methodology approved by the Auditor-Controller, the Proposition A cost analysis indicates that the recommended contracted services can be performed more economically by the private sector.

The current contracts have been extended on a month-to-month basis and will expire on June 29, 2026; however, the contracts will expire upon award and execution of these service contracts. The award of these service contracts will continue the current services by the recommended contractors.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

These services are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as they are within the class of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Section 15301, subsection (c), of the CEQA guidelines and Class 1 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. In addition, based on the proposed project records, it 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, or indications that it may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource that would make the exemption inapplicable.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On February 12, 2024, notices of the Request for Proposals (RFP) were placed on the County's "Doing Business with Los Angeles County" website (Enclosure D), "Do Business with Public Works" website, and X (formerly Twitter). In addition, advertisements were placed in the Los Angeles Daily Journal, Los Angeles Sentinel, La Opinión, The Daily Breeze, The Signal (Santa Clarita), World Journal, Long Beach Press Telegram, Pasadena Star News, and The Malibu Times. Also, Public Works informed 1,514 Local Small Business Enterprises, 165 Social Enterprises, 150 Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises, 777 Community Business Enterprises, 1,385 Community-Based Organizations, 84 independent contractors, various business development centers, and municipalities about this business opportunity. Additionally, the Department of Economic Opportunity conducted a focused outreach and informed 70 related businesses about this opportunity.

On April 8, 2024, four proposals were received for each of the following areas: East Area of Flood Control Facilities, West Area of Flood Control Facilities, and South Area of Flood Control Facilities; two proposals were received for Supervisorial District 5 North; and three proposals were received for Supervisorial District 5 South. One of the proposals was disqualified for failure to meet the minimum requirements of the RFP. The remainder of the proposals were evaluated by an evaluation committee consisting of Public Works staff. The evaluation was based on criteria described in the RFP, which included the price, experience, work plan, financial resources, references, demonstrated controls over labor/payroll recordkeeping, and equipment utilizing the informed averaging methodology for applicable criteria. Based on this evaluation, it is recommended that these service contracts be awarded to the highest-rated, lowest-cost, responsive, and responsible proposers Harbor Area Gang Alternatives Program, a Social Enterprise, and Woods Maintenance Services, Inc., dba Graffiti Control Systems, a Local Small Business Enterprise. Public Works notified the applicable labor union, Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council, of this solicitation.

Consistent with the County of Los Angeles Services Contract Solicitation Policy, Policy No. 5.055, Urban Graffiti Enterprises, Inc., (Urban) a proposer for these solicitations requested an RFP County Independent Review. On February 24, 2025, a County Independent Review was conducted. The reviewer found that there was no evidence that the selected proposers were in violation of the Labor Code, and the protesting proposer did not provide any evidence as to why its responses should have been determined to be more responsive and responsible than the recommended proposers. Additionally, the reviewer found it was evident that Urban's cost for each of the contract region was significantly higher than that of the recommended proposers; therefore, Urban's protest had no merit.

and the recommended proposers were found to be responsible and responsive to the solicitation. Based on this, Board approval is requested to award service contracts to the highest-rated, lowest-cost, responsive, and responsible proposers Harbor Area Gang Alternatives Program, a Social Enterprise, and Woods Maintenance Services, Inc., dba Graffiti Control Systems, a Local Small Business Enterprise.

Public Works has accessed available resources to review and assess the proposed contractors' past performance, history of Labor Law violations, and prior performance on County contracts.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The award of these service contracts will continue the services without disruption to the public and will not result in the displacement of any County employees as these services are presently contracted with the private sector.

CONCLUSION

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

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures

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ENCLOSURE

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