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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
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CORE SERVICE AREA
AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR ON-CALL EMERGENCY SEWER SYSTEM POINT REPAIRS
AND RECONSTRUCTION AND ON-CALL EMERGENCY SEWER SYSTEM REHABILITATION
AND SEWER PIPE LINING
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3-VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to award and delegate authority to the Director of Public Works to execute eight contracts for on-call emergency sewer system point repairs and reconstruction and two contracts for on-call emergency sewer system rehabilitation and sewer pipe lining in response to emergencies arising from sewer system failures throughout the County of Los Angeles.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the contract award and related recommended actions are not a project under the provisions of 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 eight contracts with each of the following two small-sized firms: Ramona, Inc. and GRBCON, Inc.; four medium-sized firms: Clarke Contracting Corporation; Mike Prlich and Sons, Inc.; Williams Pipeline Contractors; and Mike Bubalo Construction Co., Inc.; and two large-sized firms: W.A. Rasic Construction Co.; Inc., and Lucas Builders, Inc. to provide on-call emergency sewer system point repairs and reconstruction in response to emergencies arising from sewer system failures throughout the County of Los Angeles.

3. Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute two contracts with the following one medium-sized firm: KEC Engineering; and one large-sized firm: Vortex Services, LLC., dba Sancon Technologies to provide on-call emergency sewer system rehabilitation and sewer pipe lining in response to emergencies arising from sewer system failures throughout the County of Los Angeles.
4. Approve the total not-to-exceed aggregate program amount of \$35 million across all contracts plus up to an additional 25 percent of the not-to-exceed aggregate program amount of \$35 million for a maximum potential total aggregate program sum of \$43.75 million.
5. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his 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.
6. Approve the term of each contract to commence on the date of the full execution of the contract and for an initial period of 3 years, with two additional 1-year options, from such commencement date. The expiration of the contract is subject to the following condition: where services for a given project have been authorized by the County but not completed by the contractor prior to the expiration date, which will be automatically extended solely to allow for the completion of such services.
7. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to administer the contracts and, at the discretion of the Director of Public Works or his designee, exercise the options to extend any or all contracts for two 1-year extension options based upon project demands and the level of satisfaction with the services provided with no change to the contract amounts, and to suspend/terminate these contracts for convenience, if it is in the best interest of the County to do so.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to award contracts to provide repair crews, appropriate equipment, and materials to repair sewer system facilities when Public Works crews are unable to respond to an urgent situation or lack the equipment and/or expertise necessary to safely accomplish the work. Utilizing multiple contractors will enable Public Works to respond in a timely manner to urgent repairs that may be needed throughout its facilities.

The work to be performed by the on-call emergency sewer system point repairs and reconstruction contractors will consist of sewer pipeline, sewer manhole, and sewer pump station repair and reconstruction. Additional services include, but are not limited to, manhole adjustment, replacement of manhole covers and frames, flow measurements, monitoring and remediation of odor and gas issues, procurement and/or rental equipment, procurement of pump and motor parts, labor, and supplies as deemed necessary for the maintenance and operation of sewer facilities.

The work to be performed by the on-call emergency sewer system rehabilitation and sewer pipelining contractors will consist of sewer pipeline cleaning, lining, and manhole rehabilitation. Additional services available under the contracts include, but are not limited to, cleaning of sewers; utilizing hydro and mechanical equipment for the removal of roots; grease and attached deposits; chemical root foaming; vermin control; closed-circuit television inspection of pipelines utilizing industry standards; conducting forensic evaluations of overflows; locate and adjust manholes; and

procurement and/or rental of equipment, labor, and supplies as deemed necessary for response to the urgent situation.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

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 hiring contractors that have the specialized expertise to provide these services accurately, efficiently, timely, and in a responsive manner.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The contracts will be for a not-to-exceed aggregate program amount of \$35 million plus 25 percent for additional work within the scope of the contract. The maximum potential total aggregate program sum will be \$43.75 million. This amount is based on the hourly rates quoted by the contractors and Public Works' estimated annual utilization of the contractor's services. The 3-year term of each agreement shall commence upon the date of the full execution of that agreement.

Funds will be encumbered in various Public Works funds at the time a consultant is directed to provide services. Total expenditures will not exceed the program amount approved by the Board. Sufficient funding for the first year, estimated at \$5 million, is available in various Public Works Funds Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budgets. The primary funds are the Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District Funds (GA9 and J14 – Services and Supplies) and the Marina Sewer Maintenance District Fund (GC6 – Services and Supplies). Funds to finance the future years will be requested through the annual budget process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

A standard agreement, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, would be used. The agreements contain terms and conditions in compliance with the Chief Executive Officer and the Board's requirements. The agreements also include a provision requiring the firms to track subcontractors' utilization of Local Small Business Enterprise, Disabled Veteran Owned Business Enterprise, and Social Enterprise Businesses.

The proposed contractors were selected upon final analysis and consideration without regard to race, creed, gender, or color. The enclosed spreadsheet reflects the contractors' minority participation and Community Business Enterprise participation data.

The on-call emergency sewer system repairs and maintenance services are comprised of contractors capable of responding 7-days-a-week, 24-hours-a-day, to emergencies arising from sewer system failures. These contractors can provide labor and equipment to repair sewer system facilities when Public Works crews are unable to respond to an urgent situation or lack the equipment and/or expertise necessary to safely accomplish the work.

The recommended contracts were solicited on an open-competitive basis and are in accordance with the applicable Federal, State, and County requirements. The contractors are in compliance with the Chief Executive Officer and Board's requirements.

Any emergency construction work shall comply with Section 22050 of the Public Contracts Code as applicable.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The award of the contracts and related recommended activity are not a project under Section 21065 of the California Public Resources Code and is activity that is excluded from the definition of a project by Section 15378(b) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) since it consists of administrative activity of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. No specific projects are identified in the contracts. Prior to approving Notice to Proceeds for work to be performed under the agreements as the need for specific activities under the agreements are identified in the future, the Director of Public Works or his designee will determine whether the work is exempt from CEQA, and Public Works will only proceed with such work if it is determined that the exemption applies. To the extent other findings are necessary under CEQA, Public Works will return to the Board for approval of the work along with appropriate CEQA findings.

Upon the Board's approval of the recommended actions, Public Works will file a Notice of Exemption with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and with the State Clearinghouse in the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation in accordance with Section 21152 of the California Public Resources Code and will post the notice to its website in accordance with Section 21092.2.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On April 10, 2025, Public Works issued two Requests for Proposals (RFP) for (1) the on-call emergency sewer system point repairs and reconstruction contracts and (2) the on-call emergency sewer system rehabilitation and sewer pipe lining contracts. The two RFPs were advertised on the County's "Doing Business with Los Angeles County" and Public Works' "Do Business with Public Works" websites, X (formerly Twitter), and in the Los Angeles Daily Journal, Los Angeles Sentinel, La Opinión, San Gabriel Valley Tribune, Pasadena Star News, Long Beach Press Telegram, Santa Monica Daily Press, Daily Breeze, The Signal, and World Journal. Also, Public Works informed 1,703 Local Small Business Enterprises, 156 Social Enterprises, 185 Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises, 1,136 Community Business Enterprises, and 1,385 Community-Based Organizations about this business opportunity. The Department of Economic Opportunity informed 55 clients with the North American Industry Classification System code. Public Works advertised this RFP in a weekly e-mail newsletter with over 32,000 subscribers.

The RFPs 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 on-call emergency sewer system point repairs and reconstruction RFP stated that a total of eight firms would be awarded contracts as follows: four 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). The on-call emergency sewer system rehabilitation and sewer pipe lining RFP stated that a total of four firms would be awarded contracts as follows: two small-sized firms (with 25 or fewer personnel), one medium-sized firm (with 26 to 75 personnel), and one large sized firm (with over 75 personnel).

On May 12, 2025, a total of 11 proposals were received for the on-call emergency sewer system point repairs and reconstruction contract and all 11 firms passed the pass/fail requirements. A total of two proposals were received for the on-call emergency sewer system rehabilitation and sewer pipe lining contract and both firms passed the pass/fail requirements.

An evaluation committee composed of staff from Public Works evaluated the proposals based on criteria described in the RFP, including technical expertise, price, proposed workplan, 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 Board-approved informed averaging methodology. Historically, there has been a much greater need for sewer pipeline, sewer manhole, and sewer pump station repair and reconstruction than for sewer pipeline cleaning, lining, and manhole rehabilitation. Therefore, to ensure a high level of responsiveness and sufficient contracting capacity, the RFP was structured to award the on-call emergency sewer system point repairs and reconstruction contracts to eight firms and the on-call emergency sewer system rehabilitation and sewer pipe lining contracts to four firms. However, only two submitted proposals for the on-call emergency sewer system rehabilitation and sewer pipe lining RFP. One firm is a medium-sized firm and the other is a large-sized firm and, in the judgement of Public Works, these two contractors are sufficient to perform the on-call emergency sewer rehabilitation and sewer pipe lining work, therefore, no rebidding is necessary.

The eight firms below were selected for the on-call emergency sewer system point repairs and reconstruction contracts. Only two small-size firms submitted proposals, so the number of medium-sized firms was increased to four.

Small-Size Firms: Ramona, Inc. and GRBCON, Inc.

Medium-Size Firms: Clarke Contracting Corporation, Mike Prlich and Sons, Inc., Williams Pipeline Contractors, and Mike Bubalo Construction Co., Inc.

Large-Size Firms: W.A. Rasic Construction Co., Inc., and Lucas Builders, Inc.

The two firms below were selected for the on-call emergency sewer system rehabilitation and sewer pipe lining contracts:

Small-Size Firms: N/A

Medium-Size Firms: KEC Engineering

Large-Size Firms: Vortex Services, LLC. dba Sancon Technologies

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. Public Works notified the employee Unions of these solicitations.

The 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)

The award of these contracts 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, Sewer Maintenance Division.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

10/7/2025

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Pestrella". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" and last name "Pestrella" clearly distinguishable.

MARK PESTRELLA, PE

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Christine Frias)
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors

**PROPOSERS' UTILIZATION PARTICIPATION AND COMMUNITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM INFORMATION FOR
ON-CALL EMERGENCY SEWER SYSTEM POINT REPAIRS AND RECONSTRUCTION (BRC0000586)**

SELECTED FIRM

	Proposer Name (Prime with subconsultants* listed below) *only subconsultants with Utilization Participation are listed.	Local Small Business Enterprise (LSBE)	Small Business Enterprise (SBE)	Minority	Women-Owned	Disadvantaged Business	Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise	Social Enterprise	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Questioning- Owned Business Enterprise
	Small-Sized Business Category								
1	GRBCON, Inc.	X							
2	Ramona, Inc.								
	LAC Motor Enterprises, Inc.		X	X	X				
	Pipe Tec Inc.								
	Good Ol' Boys Inc.								
	Medium-Sized Business Category								
1	Clarke Contracting Corporation	X							
	LNA Concrete Structures, Inc.			X			X		
	Pre-Con Products			X					
	R&D Steel, Inc.	X	X						
	Lindy's Cold Planning	X			X	X			
2	Mike Prlich & Sons, Inc.	X							
	Pipe-Tec, Inc.	X							
	LNA Concrete Structures, Inc.		X	X					
3	Williams Pipeline Contractors, Inc.								
	Jesus Esqueda Trucking, Inc.					X			
	Western Materials, Inc.					X			
4	Mike Bubalo Construction Co., Inc.								
	Large-Sized Business Category Proposer Name								
1	W.A Rasic Construction Company, Inc.								
	Tom Garbavac & Sons, Inc.				X				
	Strive Concrete Cutting, Inc.			X					
	Koppl Pipeline Services, Inc.				X				
	Westera Paving Contractors			X					
	Mission Paving and Scaling			X					
	SoCal Sanitation, LLC.			X					
2	Lucas Builders, Inc.	X							

NON-SELECTED FIRMS

	Proposer Name (Prime with subcontractors* listed below) *only subcontractors with Utilization Participation are listed.	Local Small Business Enterprise (LSBE)	Small Business Enterprise (SBE)	Minority	Women-Owned	Disadvantaged Business	Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise	Social Enterprise	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Questioning-
	Medium-Sized Business Category								

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ON-CALL EMERGENCY SEWER SYSTEM POINT REPAIRS AND RECONSTRUCTION (BRC0000586)**

1	Maden Buntich Construction Co., Inc.							
2	KEC Engineering							
	Large-Sized Business Category Proposer Name							
1	Valverde Construction, Inc.					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.

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ON-CALL EMERGENCY SEWER SYSTEM POINT REPAIRS AND RECONSTRUCTION (BRC0000586)**

FIRM INFORMATION*		GRBCON, Inc.	Ramona, Inc.	Clarke Contracting Corporation	Mike Pritch & Sons, Inc.	Williams Pipeline Contractors, Inc.	Mike Bubalo Construction Co., Inc.	W.A. Rasic Construction Company, Inc.	Lucas Builders, Inc.
BUSINESS STRUCTURE		Corporation	Corporation	Corporation	Corporation	Corporation	Corporation	Corporation	Corporation
CULTURAL/ETHNIC COMPOSITION		NUMBER/% OF OWNERSHIP					NUMBER/% OF OWNERSHIP		
OWNERS/PARTNERS	Black/African American								
	Hispanic/Latino		13 / 68.44%			2 / 75%			
	Asian or Pacific Islander		1 / 5.26%						1 / 33.33%
	Native Americans								
	Subcontinent Asian								1 / 67.67%
	White	2 / 100%	5 / 26.32%	2 / 100%	1 / 100%	1 / 25%	3 / 100%	3 / 100%	
	Female (included above)	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	1
COUNTY CERTIFICATION									
CBE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
LSBE	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N		
OTHER CERTIFYING AGENCY		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A

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**PROPOSERS' UTILIZATION PARTICIPATION AND COMMUNITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM INFORMATION FOR
ON-CALL EMERGENCY SEWER SYSTEM REHABILITATION AND SEWER PIPE LINING (BRC0000587)**

SELECTED FIRM

	Proposer Name (Prime with subconsultants* listed below) *only subconsultants with Utilization Participation are listed.	Local Small Business Enterprise (LSBE)	Small Business Enterprise (SBE)	Minority	Women-Owned	Disadvantaged Business	Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise	Social Enterprise	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Questioning- Owned Business Enterprise
	Small-Sized Business Category								
	N/A								
	Medium-Sized Business Category								
1	KEC Engineering								
	Hardy & Harper								
	Performance Pipeline Technologies								
	Large-Sized Business Category Proposer Name								
1	Vortex Services, LLC. DBA Sancon Technologies								

NON-SELECTED FIRMS

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	Small-Sized Business Category								
	N/A								
	Medium-Sized Business Category								
	N/A								
	Large-Sized Business Category Proposer Name								
	N/A								

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ON-CALL EMERGENCY SEWER SYSTEM REHABILITATION AND SEWER PIPE LINING (BRC0000587)**

FIRM INFORMATION*		KEC Engineering	Vortex Services, LLC., DBA Sancon Technologies						
BUSINESS STRUCTURE		Corporation	Corporation						
CULTURAL/ETHNIC COMPOSITION		NUMBER/% OF OWNERSHIP							
OWNERS/PARTNERS	Black/African American								
	Hispanic/Latino								
	Asian or Pacific Islander								
	Native Americans								
	Subcontinent Asian								
	White	6 / 100%	1 / 100%						
	Female (included above)	0							
COUNTY CERTIFICATION									
CBE	N/A	N/A							
LSBE	N	N							
OTHER CERTIFYING AGENCY									

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