



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Works/Flood
Control/Water Agency/
Laguna Sanitation
Department No.: 054
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Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
Board of Directors, Flood Control and Water Conservation District
Board of Directors, Water Agency
Board of Directors, Laguna County Sanitation District

FROM: Department
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SUBJECT: Request for Proposals for Professional Services for the Public Works Department, Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Water Agency, and Laguna County Sanitation District, All Supervisorial Districts

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve the prequalified consultant listing for ten (10) major service group categories and eleven (11) associated subcategories for professional services to be used by the Public Works Department for the next three years; and
- b) Determine that the proposed action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act, pursuant to Guidelines Section 15378 (b)(5), organization or administrative activities that will not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

That the Board of Directors for the Flood Control and Water Conservation District:

- c) Approve the prequalified consultant listing for ten (10) major service group categories and eleven (11) associated subcategories for professional services to be used by the Public Works Department for the next three years; and
- d) Determine that the proposed action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act, pursuant to Guidelines Section 15378 (b)(5), organization or administrative activities that will not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

That the Board of Directors of the Water Agency:

- e) Approve the prequalified consultant listing for ten (10) major service group categories and 11 (eleven) associated subcategories for professional services to be used by the Public Works Department for the next three years; and
- f) Determine that the proposed action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act, pursuant to Guidelines Section 15378 (b)(5), organization or administrative activities that will not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

That the Board of Directors of the Laguna County Sanitation District:

- g) Approve prequalified consultant listings for ten (10) major service group categories and eleven (11) associated subcategories for professional services to be used by the Public Works Department for the next three years; and
- h) Determine that the proposed action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act, pursuant to Guidelines Section 15378 (b)(5), organization or administrative activities that will not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda in order to approve the prequalified consultant listing (Attachment A) for professional services for the Public Works Department (Department). The prequalified list of consultants will be used when contracting for the identified Service Group Categories (SGC) for work over the next three years.

On September 22, 2021, the Department posted a Request for Qualification (RFQ) for the following ten (10) major SGCs and eleven (11) associated subcategories that are frequently used in the Department:

SGC.1: Water Resources Engineering

Subcategory 1.1 – Water Resources Services

Subcategory 1.2 – Groundwater Services

SGC.2: Flood Control Engineering

SGC.3: Water Quality Planning and Engineering

SGC.4: Resource Recovery and Waste Management Engineering

Subcategory 4.1 - Solid Waste Facilities Design and Permitting Support

Subcategory 4.2 - Landfill Gas System Design and Management

Subcategory 4.3 - Small Project Engineering Support

SGC.5: Construction Services

SGC.6: Energy, Power Generation, and Electrical Engineering

Subcategory 6.1 – Electrical Engineering

Subcategory 6.2 – Energy Systems Operation and Management

Subcategory 6.3 – Renewable Energy Program Opportunities Identification and Assessment

SGC.7: Environmental Services

Subcategory 7.1: Environmental Document Preparation and Permitting

Subcategory 7.2: Biological Services

SGC.8: Surveying

Subcategory 8.1: Aerial Surveying

SGC.9: Geotechnical Engineering

SGC 10: Wastewater Engineering

The RFQ Notice was mailed to more than 300 consultants from our existing mailing list and notices were also emailed to firms that were registered in the Department's Vendor Portal in PlanetBids. The RFQ was available in PlanetBids to all consultants free of charge. Notices were published in the Santa Barbara Newspress and Santa Maria Times on September 22 and 29, 2021.

This RFQ process streamlines the prequalification of professional services; while assuring a fair and competitive contracting process. Having prequalified firms readily available to hire saves time and staffing costs and has proven to be an invaluable tool for the Department. The Department intends to go out to RFQ for these services every three years.

The selection criteria and rating process was outlined in the RFQ and provided to the consultants. This process required firms to demonstrate their professional qualifications, experience, and expertise in each applicable SGC. The firms that submitted Statement of Qualifications (SOQs) that met the criteria and accumulated the required score are considered prequalified and are included in the listing by category.

Notices were emailed to all of the firms that submitted a SOQ notifying them if they met the criteria to be prequalified. The consultants had a 5-day appeal process; no appeals were received.

Background:

This professional services selection process complies with the Federal Government's Brooks Act and the State's Mini-Brooks Act, which govern professional services selection.

The Public Works Department has been performing similar RFQ processes to prequalify firms for professional services since 1997.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative:

There are no fiscal impacts associated with this Board action.

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to send a minute order of this action to the Flood Control District office;
Attn: Christina Lopez.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Public Works Department Prequalified Consultants Listing 2022-2024 by SGCs

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