



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: July 3, 2018
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director: Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director, 568-3010
Contact Info: Chris Sneddon, Deputy Director, Transportation, 568-3064
SUBJECT: Purchasing Authorization for Procurement of Aggregates, Hot Mix Asphalts, and Concrete Used in the Construction and Maintenance of County Maintained Roads, All Supervisorial Districts

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Purchasing

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Authorize the Purchasing Agent to extend the waiver for competitive bidding to procure aggregate materials, hot mix asphalts, and concrete used in the repair and construction of County infrastructure on an as-needed basis from Granite Construction Company (local vendor), Cal Portland (local vendor), Hanson Aggregates Inc. (local vendor), and Vulcan Materials Company (tri-county vendor), effective through September 30, 2018; and
- b) Determine that the proposed action is not a "project" under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15378(b)(2), as it involves administrative and other general policy and procedure making activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment, and direct staff to file the attached Notice of Exemption on that basis.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to authorize the Purchasing Agent to extend the waiver for competition for procuring materials due to limitations on the source and restrictions in specifications. Your Board approved this waiver on June 20, 2017 and it is set to expire on June 30, 2018. Public Works recommends that your Board extend the authorization through September 30, 2018, in order to allow Purchasing the time to setup the process to competitively procure commodities needed under this agreement.

Background:

The County’s road maintenance section responds to approximately 1,500 service requests annually, as well as performing planned concrete and paving work during the year. For Public Works to respond quickly to compromised road conditions and complete work plans, the Department needs high quality, readily available materials used in construction, maintenance, and emergency repair of the County’s Transportation Infrastructure.

There are several reasons for the recommended waiver:

- Trucking costs for materials outweigh any benefit gained by potential cost savings on materials if they have to come from a long distance to the job site.
- Vendors typically set the rates for materials versus negotiating costs, and the rates can vary throughout the year based on factors like the Asphalt Price Index.
- Proximity to the job site determines which vendor the Department utilizes to supply the needed materials. Both asphalt and concrete have a maximum time limit from the time it leaves the plant to the time it is placed. Asphalt specifications require asphalt to arrive at the job at a high temperature, which is difficult to maintain over long hauls. Concrete must be placed within 90 minutes of batching. Material quality degrades once these time limits are exceeded.

This waiver is recommended for multiple sources to best serve the geographical area of the County where the work is being performed. In addition, portions of the County have been inaccessible during disasters such as storm events, fires, and accidents. The Department needs access to material suppliers that are located both north and south of Gaviota.

For these reasons, Public Works is requesting that your Board authorize the Purchasing Agent to procure aggregate materials, HMA, and concrete used in the repair and construction of County infrastructure from multiple vendors. County Code Section 2-39 authorizes the purchasing agent to waive competition where there are limitations on the source or supply, necessary restrictions in specifications, or other valid reasons after approval by the Board of Supervisors.

The Department requests that your Board renew the following limits for purchasing aggregates, HMA, and concrete for the following vendors:

Vendor	Annual Limit	Location of Use
Granite Construction Company (Local Vendor)	\$500,000	Countywide
Cal Portland (Local Vendor)	\$500,000	North and Central County
Hanson Aggregates Inc. (Local Vendor)	\$500,000	North and Central County
Vulcan Materials Company (Tri-County Vendor)	\$500,000	North and South County

These are “not to be exceeded” dollar amounts of \$500,000 each and will allow for the expenditure of new State funding available to maintain our transportation infrastructure.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: N/A

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative:

There are no direct fiscal impacts as a result of this action. All work and related expenditures for materials have been budgeted in Department 054 as part of operations and capital maintenance activities.

Special Instructions:

Please forward a certified, stamped Minute Order approving this item to Public Works, Transportation Admin, 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101 Attention: Gail Ocheltree, x3094.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Notice of Exemption

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