



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: May 20, 2014
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director Scott McGolpin, Public Works Director, 568-3010
Contact Info: Chris Sneddon, Deputy Director, Transportation, 568-3064
SUBJECT: Waiver of Competitive Bidding 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

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: Purchasing

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Waive competitive bidding requirements and authorize the Purchasing Agent to procure aggregate materials, hot mix asphalts, and concrete used in the repair and construction of County infrastructure on an as-needed basis, effective through June 30, 2017.
- B. Determine that the proposed actions are not a “project” under CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378, as they involve administrative and other general policy and procedure making activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment, and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption on that basis.

Summary Text:

The timely application of surface treatments is vital to preserving the County’s investment in our Transportation Infrastructure. For Public Works to respond quickly to compromised road conditions, the Department needs to be able to procure materials used in construction, maintenance, and emergency repair of the County’s Transportation Infrastructure. The Department purchases these materials from local vendors. Proximity to the job site determines which vendor the Department utilizes to supply the needed materials. This is critical when purchasing hot mix asphalt as it performs better, is easier to work with, and has a better finish when it is delivered to the job site at the temperature required by specification. Vendor location is also important when considering the delivery costs of aggregate materials. The Department needs to purchase mix from Vulcan Materials Company (located in Oxnard)

when working in the southern portion of the County, as no suppliers exist in the Santa Barbara area. Historically, portions of the County have been inaccessible during disasters such as storm events, fires, and chemical spills; therefore, the Department needs access to material suppliers that are located south of Gaviota. For these reasons, Public Works is requesting that the Board waive competitive bidding for the procurement of aggregate materials, hot mix asphalts (HMA), and concrete used in the repair and construction of County infrastructure.

County Code Section 2-39 authorizes the Purchasing Agent to waive competitive bidding for materials in certain situations where the expenditure does not exceed \$25,000. Where an expenditure would or could exceed \$25,000, competition may be waived only after approval by your Board. Public Works is requesting that your Board renew the waiver of bids for aggregate materials due to the cost of these items having exceeded the amount at which the Purchasing Agent, without additional Board authority, can waive bidding. The waiver is not for sole source purchases, but allows the Public Works Department to expedite the purchase of material from vendors without the \$25,000 limit.

The Department requests that your Board renew the following limits for purchasing aggregates, HMA, and concrete without competitive bidding for the following vendors:

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

These are “not to be exceeded” dollar amounts that will allow the Department to purchase materials Countywide from these vendors, to maintain our Transportation Infrastructure.

Background:

County Code Section 2-39 authorizes the Purchasing Agent to waive competitive bidding for materials in certain situations where the expenditure does not exceed \$25,000. Where an expenditure would or could exceed \$25,000, competition may be waived only after approval by your Board. The blanket waiver will allow the Purchasing Agent to proceed legally, and without the delays associated with requiring waivers on a daily basis. This process will allow the Public Works Department to respond quickly to the needs of the Maintained System and better serve the traveling public.

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 Gena Valentine Felix in the Public Works Department, Transportation, x3064.

Attachments:

Notice of Exemption

Authored by:

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