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SUBJECT:

ON-CALL COATING INSPECTION AND CORROSION TESTING SERVICES FOR ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, FACILITIES ENGINEERING, OPERATIONS, AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS, PSA 2025-001

GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Professional Services Agreements to provide on-call Coating Inspection and Corrosion Testing Services for Orange County Sanitation District's Capital Improvement Program, Facilities Engineering, Operations, and Maintenance Projects, PSA2025-001, for a three-year period commencing May 1, 2025, through April 30, 2028, with two one-year renewal options, for an amount not to exceed \$500,000 per individual agreement (\$1,500,000 total) with the following three firms:

- Corpro Companies, Inc.
- Diversified Project Services International, Inc.
- TKE Engineering, Inc.

BACKGROUND

The Orange County Sanitation District (OC San) uses outside specialty consultants for coating inspection and corrosion testing services to support the Capital Improvement Program, Small Construction Projects, and Maintenance Projects during the planning, design, and construction of facilities both inside the plants and for the collection systems. These services are essential to ensure that contractors install coatings and corrosion control system per manufacturer and specification requirements.

RELEVANT STANDARDS

- Ensure the public's money is wisely spent
- 1, 5, 20-year planning horizons
- Comply with California Government Code §4526: Select the "best qualified firm" and "negotiate fair and equitable fees"

PROBLEM

The current on-call coating inspection and corrosion testing services agreements are expiring in April 2025. Without new agreements, OC San would not be able to ensure coating and corrosion control systems are properly installed.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

Approve three Professional Services Agreements to provide on-call coating inspection and other corrosion testing services for collection system and treatment plant projects for up to a five-year period ending in April 2030.

The agreements will cover a three-year period with two one-year renewal options. The recommended agreement amounts are based on the number and type of testing and inspections utilized in the past and the anticipated needs going forward. Staff will use these consultants on an as-needed basis.

TIMING CONCERNS

Delaying the new agreements will prevent the use of these services to support collection system and treatment plant projects.

RAMIFICATIONS OF NOT TAKING ACTION

Increased risk of construction quality and code compliance issues executing the Capital Improvement Program, Small Construction Projects, and Maintenance Projects.

PRIOR COMMITTEE/BOARD ACTIONS

N/A

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

On September 25, 2024, OC San issued a Notice to Prospective Proposers to over 1,500 vendors which outlined the timeline for the solicitation. On October 8, 2024, OC San requested and advertised for proposals. Four companies identified themselves as potential proposers, so an adequate response was expected.

Three proposals were received on November 21, 2024. The proposals were evaluated in accordance with the evaluation process set forth in OC San's Purchasing Ordinance by a pre-selected Evaluation Team consisting of OC San staff: two Construction Inspection Supervisors, two Senior Construction Inspectors, and one Senior Safety and Health Specialist. The Evaluation Team also included one non-voting representative from the Contracts Administration Division.

The following evaluation criteria were described in the RFP and used to evaluate the proposals.

| CRITERION | WEIGHT |
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| Project Approach and Scope of Work Understanding | 25% |
| Staff Qualifications | 40% |
| Professional Registration and Experience | 35% |

The Evaluation Team scored the proposals on the established criteria as summarized in the table below:

| Rank | Firm | Approach and Understanding (Max 25 Pts.) | Staff Qualifications (Max 40 Pts.) | Experience (Max 35 Pts.) | Total Score (Max 100 Pts.) |
|------|--|---|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Corrpro Companies, Inc. | 18 | 33 | 23 | 74 |
| 2 | Diversified Project Services International, Inc. | 18 | 27 | 25 | 70 |
| 3 | TKE Engineering, Inc. | 16 | 19 | 18 | 53 |

Based on the evaluation, all three firms were found to be qualified.

Review of Fee Proposal and Negotiations:

The fee proposals for the selected firms were opened on January 23, 2025, and the rates were reviewed for general conformance and found to be acceptable. Staff recommends approval of the agreements to Corrpro Companies, Inc., Diversified Project Services International, Inc., and TKE Engineering, Inc.

CEQA

N/A

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

This request complies with authority levels of OC San's Purchasing Ordinance. The budgeted costs for the proposed Professional Services Agreements are contained within the approved CIP project budgets and no additional funding is necessary.

ATTACHMENT

The following attachment(s) may be viewed on-line at the OC San website (www.ocsan.gov) with the complete agenda package:

- Professional Services Agreements

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