

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

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SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANALYSIS - REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

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Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve a proposed Request for Qualifications (RFQ), substantially in the form on file in the Board Office, for environmental impact analysis, for a three-year (3) contract, in an amount not to exceed \$7,000,000 per year per contract awarded, subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney as to form;
2. Direct the Board Secretary to transmit the RFQ to the City Attorney for review and approval as to form; and,
3. Authorize staff to advertise the RFQ and conduct the RFQ process, subsequent to City Attorney review and approval as to form.

SUMMARY:

The Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) is in need of environmental impact analysis services that staff cannot provide, therefore one or more environmental impact analysis service contracts are required. Currently, RAP does not have contracts in place to perform environmental impact analysis as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Because most of RAP's proposed projects fall within the definition of a "project" as defined by the State CEQA Guidelines and require discretionary actions by the Board and/or City Council, they are subject to the provisions of CEQA, unless an exemption applies.

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These contracts will provide RAP with environmental impact expertise and resources that otherwise cannot be performed by City staff, such as the preparation and processing of legally adequate Initial Studies (ISs), Negative Declarations (NDs), Mitigated Negative Declarations (MNDs), and Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs) in accordance with City and State CEQA Guidelines and the LA CEQA Thresholds Guide. They will also provide for the preparation and processing of legally adequate Environmental Assessments, Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSI)/Mitigated FONSI and Environmental Impact Statements (EISs) in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing NEPA (40 CFR 1500) and Federal Agency NEPA Procedures, including ACOE (33 CFR 230); HUD (24 CFR PART 58); USFS (36 CFR 220); and, FHWA (23 CFR 771) as implemented by CalTrans (23 CFR 773 §6004-6005).

Staff has developed and is now ready to release, at the direction of the Board, a RFQ which will be advertised per Mayor's Executive Directive No. 14 which states, "...every Department will utilize the Los Angeles Business Assistance Virtual Network (BAVN) as the exclusive means for posting all opportunities for RFQ's...." In addition, a letter inviting bids will be mailed to interested parties from a mailing list maintained by the RAP. The Planning, Construction and Maintenance Division, which oversees the RAP's construction and maintenance projects, has reviewed and provided input on the RFQ.

A pre-qualification conference will be held approximately three weeks after the release of the RFQ in order to provide potential responders with a review of the submittal documents, compliance documents, and requirements for the Business Inclusion Program (BIP) as required by Executive Directive No. 14.

### Evaluation Process

Responses will be evaluated in two levels. Level I will be a review by Department staff for the minimum qualifications, as stated in the RFQ document. The minimum qualifications will determine the responder's knowledge and experience to perform the terms and specifications of the contract. If a responder's minimum qualification cannot be verified by staff, the responder will be disqualified and no further evaluation will be performed on the response. Level II will evaluate all required compliance and submittal documents as required per City Ordinance. The responder must successfully pass Level I before staff will proceed to Level II.

If any of the responders are successful in meeting the City's minimum qualifications requirements, then a recommendation will be made to the Board for award of contracts to them. In the interest of maintaining a competitive environment and maximizing the City's contracting options, staff may choose to recommend awarding a contract to multiple vendors. If multiple vendors are awarded this contract, they will have the opportunity to submit a competitive quote for each project issued by RAP's Planning, Construction and Maintenance Division, within the terms of this contract. Projects will be awarded solely on the prices submitted by the vendors.

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The selected responders will be recommended to the Board for a three-year (3) contract, in an amount not to exceed \$7,000,000 per year, per contract. The contract amount is an estimate, and RAP does not guarantee that the contract maximum amount will be reached. The environmental impact analysis services that RAP will be requesting shall be on an as-needed basis. The RAP, in entering into a contract, guarantees no minimum amount of business or compensation. Contracts awarded through this RFQ shall be subject to funding availability and early termination by RAP, as provided in the Standard Provisions for City Contracts.

Funding for projects will be provided from various funding sources.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The release of the Request for Qualifications has no fiscal impact on the Department's General Fund.

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