

May 20, 2025

Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to adopt Specifications No. RFQ PW23-269 and award contracts to Kleinfelder, Inc., of Cerritos, CA, Group Delta Consultants, Inc., of Irvine, CA, RMA Group, Inc. of Carson, CA, Ninyo & Moore Geotechnical & Environmental Sciences Consultants of Irvine, CA, Twining, Inc., of Long Beach, CA, GMU Geotechnical, Inc., of Rancho Santa Margarita, CA, Willdan Engineering of Anaheim, CA, S2 Engineering, Inc., of Rancho Cucamonga, CA, Citadel Environmental Services, Inc., dba Citadel EHS of Signal Hill, CA, and Terracon Consultants, Inc., of Carson, CA, for as-needed construction materials testing, hazardous materials testing, and special inspection services in a total aggregate amount not to exceed \$36,000,000, for a period of three years, with the option to renew for two additional one-year periods, at the discretion of the City Manager; and, authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to enter into the contract, including any necessary subsequent amendments. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

City Council approval is requested to enter into contracts with Kleinfelder, Inc., Group Delta Consultants, Inc., RMA Group, Inc., Ninyo & Moore Geotechnical & Environmental Sciences Consultants, Twining, Inc., GMU Geotechnical, Inc., Willdan Engineering, S2 Engineering, Inc., Citadel Environmental Services, Inc., dba Citadel EHS, and Terracon Consultants, Inc., for as-needed construction materials testing, hazardous materials testing, and special inspection services. The City of Long Beach's (City) capital improvement programs rely on professional subject matter experts to provide as-needed consultant services to ensure quality construction materials are utilized, industry best management practices are followed, and hazardous materials are properly analyzed and abated. The demand for such services has increased in conjunction with the historic Elevate '28 Infrastructure Investment Plan.

The Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was advertised in the Long Beach Press-Telegram on November 13, 2024, and 730 potential proposers specializing in as-needed construction materials testing, hazardous materials testing, and/or special inspection services were notified of the RFQ opportunity. Of those proposers, 730 downloaded the RFQ via the City's electronic bid system. The RFQ document was made available from the Purchasing Division, located on the sixth floor of City Hall, and the Division's website at www.longbeach.gov/purchasing. An RFQ announcement was also included in the Purchasing Division's weekly update of Open Bid Opportunities, which is sent to 44 local, minority-owned, and women-owned business groups. There were 16 Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) received on January 29, 2025.

Of those 16 proposers, 4 were Minority-owned Business Enterprises (MBEs), none were Women-owned Business Enterprises (WBEs), 2 were certified Small Business Enterprises (SBEs), and 3 were Long Beach vendors (Local).

A committee comprised of City staff evaluated the 16 SOQs submitted and determined that the following ten firms are the most qualified.

- Kleinfelder, Inc. of Cerritos, CA (not a MBE, WBE, SBE, or Local)
- Group Delta Consultants, Inc. of Irvine, CA (SBE)
- Ninyo & Moore of Irvine, CA (MBE)
- Twining, Inc. of Long Beach, CA (Local)
- RMA Group, Inc. of Carson, CA (not a MBE, WBE, SBE, or Local)
- GMU Geotechnical, Inc. of Rancho Santa Margarita, CA (not a MBE, WBE, SBE, or Local)
- Willdan Engineering of Anaheim, CA (not a MBE, WBE, SBE, or Local)
- S2 Engineering, Inc. of Rancho Cucamonga, CA (MBE and SBE)
- Citadel EHS of Signal Hill, CA, (SBE)
- Terracon Consultants, Inc. of Carson, CA, (not a MBE, WBE, SBE, or Local)

Local Business Outreach

To align with the City's outreach goal, Long Beach businesses are encouraged to submit SOQ proposals for City contracts. The Purchasing Division also assists businesses with registering on the Long Beach Buys platform to download RFQ specifications. Through outreach, 81 Long Beach vendors were notified to submit proposals, of which 81 downloaded and 3 submitted a proposal. The Purchasing Division is committed to continuing to perform outreach to local vendors to expand the bidder pool for future solicitations.

This matter was reviewed by Principal Deputy City Attorney Erin Weesner-McKinley and Purchasing Agent Michelle Wilson on April 14, 2025, and by Budget Management Officer Nader Kaamouch on April 18, 2025.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action to adopt Specifications No. RFQ PW23-269 and award contracts concurrently is requested on May 20, 2025, to ensure the contract is in place expeditiously.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total aggregate amount of the contract will not exceed \$36,000,000 for a term period of three years with the option to renew for two additional one-year periods. The requested contract amount was calculated based on current, anticipated, and possible future projects primarily from the Public Works Department. Funding for these services will be covered by a combination of

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sources, including Measure A and Measure A Bond as well as other funding sources as they become available and appropriated for projects. Any work not currently budgeted will only proceed at such time that appropriations have been approved by the City Council. Additionally, the need for these services is vital to deliver the City's Elevate '28 Infrastructure Investment Plan. Each work order will be funded prior to the work order being issued to a consultant. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. Approval of this recommendation will potentially have a positive impact on the local job market.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director
Public Works

APPROVED:



THOMAS B. MODICA
CITY MANAGER