



Staff Report

TO: City Council
FROM: Robert Vestal, Public Works Director
DATE: February 18, 2025
SUBJECT: Award Professional Service Agreements for On-Call Geotechnical Engineering Services

Description Award Professional Services Agreements (PSA) to three (3) firms to provide On-Call Geotechnical Engineering Services: Earth Systems, Geocon West, Inc., and Verdantas.

Background and Analysis:

City Staff is proposing to retain three (3) consulting firms to provide City-wide Geotechnical Engineering Services. Three (3) contracted consulting firms will ensure that such resources will be made available to the City.

Geotechnical Engineering Services include site evaluations, subsurface investigations, slope stability analysis, foundation design, soil testing, laboratory testing, geotechnical studies and analysis, and earthwork management. Geotechnical services will help the City make informed decisions about a project's design, intended use, and safety. They also help identify potential engineering constraints and mitigate their impact on construction cost and schedule.

On September 30, 2024, the City advertised and published the request for proposals (RFP) for On-Call Geotechnical Engineering Services on the City's Planet Bids Portal (City's Procurement System) and the Press Enterprise (local newspaper). On October 22, 2024, the City published clarifying responses and answers to questions posed by interested proposers to the RFP.

On October 28, 2024, the City received twelve (12) proposals from qualified consulting firms interested in providing professional Geotechnical Engineering Services for the City. These proposers include the following:

- American Engineering Laboratories, Inc., La Habra, CA
- Aragon Geotechnical, Inc., Riverside, CA
- Barnett Quality Control Services, Inc. (NOVA), Irvine, CA

- Converse Consultants, Redlands, CA
- Earth Systems, Perris, CA
- EnGEN Corporation, Temecula, CA
- Geocon West, Inc., Loma Linda, CA
- GeoTek, Inc., Corona, CA
- Inland Foundation Engineering, Inc., San Jacinto, CA
- Terracon, Colton, CA
- Twining, Riverside, CA
- Verdantas, Rancho Cucamonga, CA

The proposals were reviewed by an evaluation panel consisting of three members of the Public Works Department. The panel cited all firms that provided responsive, qualified, and knowledgeable proposals about the requirements for the support services requested. Based on the evaluation scores, Staff is recommending the following three (3) consulting firms to provide on-call geotechnical engineering services for the City:

- Earth System, Perris, CA
- Verdantas, Rancho Cucamonga, CA
- Geocon West, Inc., Loma Linda, CA

These firms demonstrated the most efficient approach, responsiveness, and ability to provide quality geotechnical services to the City. As aforementioned, Staff believes that having three on-call service providers will allow the City flexibility to meet the current infrastructure needs and provide competitive, high-quality results.

Task Order Note

The cumulative total for task orders associated with each project, shall not exceed the amount set forth in the Beaumont Municipal Code 3.02.090 – Contract under \$75,000; unless approved by City Council.

Fiscal Impact:

The cost to prepare this staff report is estimated to be \$350.

City Staff is requesting an annual amount, not to exceed \$300,000 per firm, to be paid through CIP budgets. As stated above, the cumulative total for task orders associated with each project shall not exceed \$75,000 unless approved by City Council.

Recommended Action:

Award Professional Services Agreements to three firms (Earth Systems, Geocon West, Inc., and Verdantas) for On-Call Geotechnical Engineering Services for a three (3) year term in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 per firm annually and authorize the Mayor to sign.

Attachments:

- A. Professional Services Agreement and Proposal – Earth Systems
- B. Levine Act Statement - Earth Systems
- C. Professional Services Agreement and Proposal – Geocon West, Inc.
- D. Levine Act Statement – Geocon West, Inc.
- E. Professional Services Agreement and Proposal – Verdantas
- F. Levine Act Statement - Verdantas