



Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

**AWARD CONTRACT FOR CHIQUITA CANYON LANDFILL MONITORING
SERVICES
(FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT) (3-VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Award a five-year contract (Contract) to UltraSystems Environmental, Inc. (Contractor or UltraSystems), in the sum not to exceed \$410,813 plus 10% contingency (\$41,081) annually, to assist the County with monitoring the Chiquita Canyon Landfill (Landfill) operation at 29201 Henry Mayo Drive, Castaic.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the Contract is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15378 (b) (4) of the CEQA Guidelines.
2. Approve and direct the Chair to sign the attached 5-year contract with the Contractor, effective the day after the Board's approval, with up to five 1-year renewal options with the Maximum Contract Sum (MCS) not to exceed \$410,813 plus 10 % contingency (\$41,081) annually, and to suspend work if, in the opinion of the Director of Regional Planning (Director), it is in the best interest of the County.
3. Authorize the Director to approve and execute amendments to incorporate necessary changes to the contract that do not significantly affect the scope of work or exceed the MCS of \$410,813 plus 10 % contingency (\$41,081) annually, and to suspend work if, in the opinion of the Director, it is in the best interest of the County.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

In 2017, the County approved a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow the continued operation and expansion of the Landfill. According to the CUP, the County shall retain an independent consultant to monitor the Conditions of Approval and Mitigation Measures throughout the life of the permit expiring July 25, 2047. This Contract fulfills the requirement by securing the required consultant services to properly monitor the landfill operation.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The approval of this Contract supports the County's 2016-2021 Strategic Plan Goal II, Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, Strategy II.2, Support the Wellness of Our Communities. The Contract allows the County to monitor the Landfill operation to ensure public health and safety standards are met and to guard the wellness of our communities.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The MCS of the Contract is \$410,813 annually, which is based on the work outlined in the Statement of Work and the price quoted by the Contractor. This Contract is funded entirely by the Landfill operator, Chiquita Canyon LLC, through a trust account established by the operator. There is no Net County Cost. The total maximum potential contract cost, including extensions and amendments will not exceed \$4,518,940.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Contract (Attachment) is consistent with all applicable Board mandated provisions, including those pertaining to hiring qualified County employees targeted for layoffs, contractor responsibility and debarment, Child Support program, GAIN/GROW participants, Safely Surrendered Baby Law, and the provisions of Paid Jury Service time for Contractor employees.

This is a non - Prop A contract because the CUP specifically requires an independent consultant perform the monitoring services. Consequently, there are no departmental employee relations issues and the contract will not result in a reduction of County services. Furthermore, the Department of Regional Planning (DRP) evaluated and determined that the Living Wage Program (County Code Chapter 2.201) does not apply to this Contract. The Contractor was selected based upon the quality of its proposal without regard to race, creed, gender, or color.

The Contractor agrees to all standard County contract provisions. County Counsel has approved the Contract as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The services provided through this Contract will not have an effect on the environment and therefore, this Contract is exempt from CEQA, pursuant to Section 15378 (b) (4) of the CEQA Guidelines.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Union Notification

Consistent with the provisions of the Memorandum of Understandings between the County and unions, Service Employees International Union Local 721 and California Association of Professional Employees were consulted prior to the release of the Request for Proposals (RFP) and had no objections to DRP moving forward with the solicitation.

Solicitation Outreach

The RFP was released on August 14, 2018, to all registered County vendors through the County of Los Angeles Internal Services Department registered vendor system. DRP also advertised on its website and promoted consistently on its social media platforms. Additionally, DRP advertised the RFP through professional organization websites and their social media platforms such as the American Planning Association and the California Association of Environmental Professionals.

Proposal Evaluation

DRP received two proposals by the September 18, 2018 deadline from the following vendors:

1. Western Building Consultants, Inc. (Western Building)
2. UltraSystems

Both proposals were deemed complete and met minimum requirements. A five-member evaluation committee (Committee), comprised of DRP, Public Works and Public Health, was formed to evaluate the proposals. Using the Informed Averaging method, the Committee objectively reviewed the proposals according to the evaluation criteria outlined in the RFP and took into consideration team qualifications, project management, project approach, references, and costs. UltraSystems' business proposal scored higher and has a lower cost.

UltraSystem is a certified Los Angeles County Community Business Enterprise and State Women Business Enterprise.

Debriefing

In December 2018, DRP conducted a debriefing meeting with Western Building to provide feedback. Western Building did not continue with the protest process.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

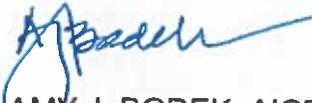
The approval of this Contract will not result in the displacement of any County employees.

CONCLUSION

The Board's approval of this Contract allows the County to adequately monitor the Landfill operation.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Hsiao-Ching Chen at (213) 974-6559 or via email at hchen@planning.lacounty.gov.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment

c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
Board Deputies
Chief Executive Office (Christine Frias)
County Counsel