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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – ADDENDUM 1 ON-CALL SWEEPING SERVICES FOR FLOOD CONTROL MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES (BRC0000390)

Thank you for your interest in our Request for Proposals (RFP) for On-Call Sweeping Services for Flood Control Maintenance Activities (BRC0000390).

Please note that the deadline for Proposal submission has been extended to **Tuesday, April 11, 2023, by 5:30 p.m.**

All addenda and informational updates will be posted at <http://pw.lacounty.gov/brcd/servicecontracts>. Please check the website frequently for any changes to this solicitation.

Please take note of the following revisions to the RFP. (Please note that the changes that have been added are in **boldface** and deleted languages are ~~strikethrough~~.) Section A is the Addendum and Section B is the Questions and Answers.

A. Addendum

1. Part II, Exhibit A, Scope of Work, Section A. Public Works Contract Manager, has been revised as follows:

Public Works Contract Manager (CM) for this service will be Ms. Shabnam Hageali of our Stormwater Maintenance Division who may be contacted at (626) 458-2306 **300-2306**, or snoroozi@pw.lacounty.gov, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The CM may, at their sole discretion, designate additional Public Works Representative(s) (PWR) by delegating to them the authority to also request work from the Contractor under this Contract. The CM and PWR(s) are the only persons authorized by Public Works to request work of the Contractor. Public Works may change CMs and/or PWRs at any time. The Contractor will be notified in writing when there is a change in CM and/or PWR.

B. Question and Answer to On-Call Sweeping Services for Flood Control Maintenance Activities

The following answers are in response to the request for information and clarification and other questions submitted by proposers for the On-Call Sweeping Services for Flood Control Maintenance Activities (BRC0000390). Questions presented in this Addendum represent the questions asked by the proposers in the form and context submitted.

1. **Question:** The bid mentions a On Call Basis does this mean only as you would need a sweeper or Would this be a set schedule work during the work load? Do you normally Call more than one sweeper at a time?

Response: Please refer to Exhibit A, Scope of Work, Section C. Request of Work from Contractor, "Public Works may request contracted service from the Contractor on an on-call and intermittent basis. Public Works, at its sole and absolute discretion, reserves the right to determine if any work is or will be needed and/or requested under this Contract"; Section I. Work Schedule, 1., "The sweeping shall be performed on an on-call basis when requested by the PWR, not to exceed the Contract amount"; and Section M. Contractor's Sweepers Mandatory Requirements, "A minimum of five (5) sweepers may be required for this on-call sweeping contract at any one time".

2. **Question:** Who is the current contractor?

Response: The current contractor for this service is CleanStreet, LLC.

3. **Question:** What is the current monthly charge of the current contractor?

Response: The current contract rate is \$190 per hour.

4. **Question:** Term of the current contract?

Response: The current contract term is 1 year plus three one-year renewal options.

5. **Question:** What is the SQUARE FOOTAGE of the units and area/s to be serviced?

Response: The square footage will vary and depend on the facility being serviced. As stated in Exhibit A, Scope of Work, B. Work Location, "The work shall be at various locations within the Los Angeles County Flood Control District's West, East, and South Maintenance Areas, as depicted in Exhibit G. Specific service locations with vicinity maps will be provided at the time the work is requested."

6. **Question:** Is there additional locations or scope of work added from the previous contract?

Response: No. No additional locations have been added to this solicitation; however, please refer to Section B of Exhibit A, Scope of Work, Work Location, which states that the work shall be at various locations within the Los Angeles County Flood Control District's West, East, and South Maintenance Areas, as depicted in Exhibit G. Specific service locations with vicinity maps will be provided at the time the work is requested. Please also review Exhibit A, Scope of Work, Section U, Other Work Locations and Facilities.

7. **Question:** Will the awarded contractor provide the equipment/s and consumables for this project? If yes, what are those supplies and equipment/s that the contractor needs to provide? For consumables we meant the water, cleaning products and other supplies needed to perform the service

Response: In regards to water, please refer to Section O, Utilities, within Exhibit A, Scope of Work, which states: Public Works will furnish all water necessary for sweeping operations in accordance with Section E, Work Description, of this Exhibit A, Scope of Work. However, contractor must provide equipment and supplies as identified in the contract documents or as required to complete the work. Please also refer to Form PW-2, Schedule of Prices, which states: "The Proposer's rate(s) (hourly, monthly, etc.) shall include all administrative costs, profit, labor, supervision, materials, transportation, travel time to and from job sites, taxes, equipment, implementation of Best Management Practices, traffic control, fuel, and supplies unless stated otherwise in the RFP"; Exhibit A, Scope of Work, L. Contractor's Equipment Compliance with Laws and Regulations, and M. Contractor's Sweepers Mandatory Requirements.

8. **Question:** If consumables are included, what is the monthly consumables value? For consumables we meant the water, cleaning products and other supplies needed to perform the service.

Response: Please refer to Response for question No. 7. In addition, please also refer to Part I, Section 3. Wages, Materials, and Other Costs, which states: "It is the responsibility of the Proposer to calculate the Proposal price to take into consideration a possible escalation of wages, materials, and other costs during the Contract period. The Board, County, Public Works, District(s), or Director make no representations regarding future costs or the rate of wages that may become necessary to pay employees of the Contractor for the work performed during the Contract period".

9. **Question:** What is the FREQUENCY / DAY and TIME cleaning schedule for this project?

Response: Please refer to our response to question No. 1. Please also refer to Section I, Work Schedule, and Section J, Hours and Days of Service, within Exhibit A, Scope of Work.

10. **Question:** Is the only mode of submission is by bid express?

Response: No, the other methods of proposal submission are universal serial bus (USB) drive or compact disc (CD) delivered to the Cashier's Office in Public Works Headquarters. Please refer to page 5 of the RFP Notice and Part I, Section 2, Proposal Preparation and Submission, B. Proposal Submission.

11. **Question:** Due to Covid and vehicle shortages will you accept signed vehicle invoices? We have CGN X broom Vehicles on order but awaiting delivery. Will you accept the attached dealer letter? We currently have 3 X brooms in our fleet.

Response: Please note that the provided letter of intent from the dealership will not be accepted in lieu of having required sweepers, regardless, please note we cannot evaluate any information from your firm unless it is part of your proposal submission. Hence, we cannot make a determination on your firm meeting the requirements of this solicitation without a proposal submission. At this time, we recommend carefully reviewing the Minimum Mandatory Requirements section which states:

“At the time of proposal submission, proposers must meet all minimum requirements set forth in the RFP documents including, but not limited to:

2. “Proposer must have a minimum of five sweepers available to allocate to this contract. The contractor's five allocated sweepers shall be in full compliance with South Coast Air Quality Management District Rules 1186 and 1186.1.”

Also, refer to Exhibit A, Scope of Work, M, Contractor's Sweepers Mandatory Requirements, which in relevant part states: “A minimum of five sweepers may be required for this on-call sweeping contract at any one time. The contractor shall have the ability to rent additional sweepers within 48 hours of requested work. The sweepers quantity and specification utilized in this service shall be stated on the Form PW-16, Statement of Equipment Form.”

12. **Question:** In section M, can you clarify the models of the approved sweepers?

Response: There are no specific models stated in this section. Sweepers proposed to be used under this contract must comply with all requirements in Exhibit A, Scope of Work, including, but not limited to, Section L, Contractor's Equipment Compliance with Laws and Regulations, and Section M, Contractor's Sweepers Mandatory Requirements.

13. **Question:** My question regarding the on-call Sweeping contract, Titan Disposal is a SBE, DBE as well as an LSBE, The contract calls for two things which does not allow my small business to participate: 1.) The submittal calls for (5) sweepers, Titan has (2) sweepers and has been working on major infrastructure project for better than three years. Titan has signed a PLA and has an agreement with the operating Engineers Local 12. 2.) The contract does not allow for subcontracting/partnering. If the certification programs Titan Disposal has qualified for promote Economic Development and inclusiveness, How can Titan Disposal participate on this contract?

14. **Response:** The County strongly encourages participation from firms, primes, and subcontractors, which are certified in the County's Local Small Business Enterprise (LSBE), Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE), and Social Enterprise (SE) Preference Programs. However,

please note as stated in Part I, Section 1.B, Minimum Mandatory Requirements, "Interested and qualified Proposers who can demonstrate their ability to successfully provide the required services outlined in Exhibit A, Scope of Work, of this RFP are invited to submit a Proposal, provided they meet the following requirement(s) at the time of Proposal submission." The Contractor's Sweepers Mandatory Requirement as it is stated in Part I, Section 1.B, Minimum Mandatory Requirements, remains in effect. Please note that "partnering" is allowed under this solicitation. To clarify, it is only subcontracting that is not allowed as stated in Part I, Section 1.B, Minimum Mandatory Requirements, Item No. 4:

"Proposers are to disregard references to subcontracting in this solicitation. Subcontracting is not allowed for this service. If a proposer makes reference to a subcontractor or if a proposer includes a list of subcontractors to perform the work requested, the proposal will be immediately disqualified."

Please also review Part I, Section 2.N, Qualifications of Proposer, which states: "No award will be made to any Proposer who cannot give satisfactory assurance as to its ability to carry out the intended Contract, based both on financial strength and experience as a Contractor on work of the nature contemplated in the proposed Contract. Proposers are encouraged to submit records of work of similar nature, size, or extent to that proposed under these specifications and requirements. A reasonable inquiry to determine the responsibility of a Proposer will be conducted. The unreasonable failure of a Proposer to promptly supply information in connection with such inquiry including, but not limited to, information regarding past performance, financial stability, and ability to perform on schedule, may be grounds for a determination of nonresponsibility and/or nonresponsiveness with respect to such Proposer. Unfamiliarity with the type of work required by Public Works may be cause for rejection of the Proposal on the basis of nonresponsibility and/or nonresponsiveness."

15. **Question:** If this is an on-call contract and there is no exclusivity, how come the contract cannot be separated into smaller pieces, so a SBE, DBE, LSBE can participate?

Response: The County strongly encourages participation from firms, primes, and subcontractors, which are certified in the County's Local Small Business Enterprise (LSBE), Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE), and Social Enterprise (SE) Preference Programs, however, due

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to the response time limitations imposed by permits issued by regulatory agencies for most of our projects, we are unable to accommodate this request for this contract.

If you have questions concerning the above information, please contact Messrs. Dwayne Case at (626) 458-2575 or Jairo Flores at (626) 458-4069, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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