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REFER TO FILE: **BRC-1**

### **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – INFORMATIONAL UPDATE 2 AS-NEEDED TRASH REMOVAL FROM FLOOD CONTROL CHANNELS FOR EAST/WEST/SOUTH AREA (2017-AN048)**

Please note that the deadline for Proposal submission is **Monday, January 29, 2018, by 5:30 p.m.**

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

The questions presented in this informational update represent the questions asked by the proposers in the form and context as submitted.

### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

1. **Question:** How many more Linear Miles are included in this solicitation for each of the 3 areas as compared to what is currently being done?

**Response:** The total miles included in the current solicitation are approximately: East Area – 100 miles; West Area – 75 miles; and South Area – 100 miles. Please prepare your proposal in response to this solicitation solely based on this RFP's requirements and do not rely on the current or former contracts' requirements.

2. **Question:** What was the reason(s) given by the contractor who protested the prior award recommendation for these services?

**Response:** Note that the Proposers' Conference and questions submission period are for the purposes of asking questions related to this solicitation and its specifications, proposal requirements and contract terms, not to inquire about previously cancelled solicitations. All proposers to the prior solicitation were advised that the Department made a business decision to not award a contract at that time. This determination is within the discretion of the County, as indicated in

Part I, Section 3, Item A, Acceptance or Rejection of Proposals, page 1.19, of the solicitation. This new solicitation has combined three Stormwater Maintenance Division service areas and made other modifications to the minimum requirements, scope of work and added work locations. These modifications were deemed necessary by the Department.

3. **Question:** What is the County's official reason the previous contract award recommendation was withdrawn?

**Response:** Please see response to Question 2 above.

4. **Question:** Are these contracts subject to California DIR regulations?

**Response:** These contracts are not subject to California Department of Industrial Relations regulations for prevailing wage. However, these contracts are subject to California Department of Industrial Relations regulations, such as enforcement of state labor laws (ex., minimum wage, overtime, breaks, etc.), Cal/OSHA regulations, and Workers' Compensation claims.

5. **Question:** Are prevailing wages required for these services? If so, under what classification or task?

**Response:** No, please see response to Question 4 above.

6. **Question:** Will the contractor be required to pick up bulky items, if so, up to what size or weight limit?

**Response:** The contractor shall remove all trash discovered as defined in Exhibit A, Scope of Work, page A.10, Item 1, a through c. There are no size or weight limits.

7. **Question:** Will the contractor be required to pick up biohazardous waste?

**Response:** Please refer to Exhibit A, Scope of Work, page A.14, Item n, in the event an unknown substance or hazardous material is discovered, the contractor shall immediately notify the CM or PWR. The contractor shall NOT attempt to perform any type of hazardous waste remediation including identifying, containing, cleaning, moving, disposing, etc.

8. **Question:** What is the estimated date of award recommendation?

**Response:** An award date has not been determined at this time.

9. **Question:** How much time can the recommended contractor expect to be given to ramp up his proposed fleet, equipment and service crews?

**Response:** Contractor is expected to perform work upon full execution of this contract and after issuance of Notice to Proceed. Please refer to Exhibit A, Scope of Work, page A.10, E. Work Description, 1. General Statement for contract work schedule.

10. **Question:** What is the amount of trash removal requests (aside from the normally weekly scheduled service) sent to the contractor per channels that have been added, per service area?

**Response:** Not all three areas utilized the As-Needed Services during the previous years. Please prepare your proposal in response to this solicitation solely based on this RFP's requirements and do not rely on the current or former contracts' requirements.

11. **Question:** Which are the channels or extension of channels that have been added, per service area?

**Response:** Please see the Work Location section in the RFP's Exhibit A, Scope of Work, and Exhibits G1 through G3 - Maps of Channels. Please prepare your proposal in response to this solicitation solely based on this RFP's requirements and do not rely on the current or former contracts' requirements.

12. **Question:** What is the amount of trash generated per service area per year?

**Response:** The amount of trash generated per year is approximately; East Area = 290 Tons, South Area= 400 Tons, and West Area = 260 Tons. This information is provided as a reference to the Proposers only; there is no guarantee of any of the tonnage for the new contract. Please prepare your proposal in response to this solicitation solely based on this RFP's requirements and do not rely on the current or former contracts' requirements.

13. **Question:** If we are bidding on all three contracts, [are we required to submit] 21 copies, including electronic copies expected?

**Response:** Each service area will be evaluated independently. Proposer may submit 21 copies (7 copies for each area) or 7 complete sets of the proposal as stated in Part I, page 1.17, Section 2, B. Proposal Submission, but the proposal must be clearly marked to differentiate each service area and provide supporting documents specific to each service area (i.e., Work Plan, PW-2 Schedule of Prices, etc.)

14. **Question:** How many service trucks (personnel transportation) and dump trucks did the current contractor use, per service area for the 9-month scheduled service?

**Response:** The current contractor is using approximately two trucks to transport personnel and trash for East Area, five trucks to transport personnel and trash for South Area, and two trucks to transport personnel and trash for West Area. This information is provided as a reference to the Proposers only. Please prepare your proposal in response to this solicitation solely based on this RFP's requirements and do not rely on the current or former contracts' requirements.

15. **Question:** How many service personnel did the current contractor use, per service area for the 9-month scheduled service?

**Response:** The current contractor is using approximately four personnel and supervisor for East Area, ten personnel and supervisor for South Area, and four personnel and supervisor for West Area. This information is provided as a reference to the Proposers only. Please prepare your proposal in response to this solicitation solely based on this RFP's requirements and do not rely on the current or former contracts' requirements.

If you have questions concerning the above information, please contact Ms. Anna Leung at (626) 458-4072 or Mr. David Pang at (626) 458-7167, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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