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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES DOMINGUEZ GAP SPREADING GROUNDS (2009-PA003) INFORMATIONAL UPDATE 1

Thank you for attending the Proposers' Conference for Landscape Maintenance Services - Dominguez Gap Spreading Grounds on April 28, 2009, and for your interest in the Request for Proposals (RFP). The following clarifications and answers are in response to the request for information submitted by attendees of the Proposers' meeting:

1. *Question: Please provide the name of companies that have provided water testing in the past for the Department of Public Works.*

Response: Please note below for the contact information of two companies that have previously provided water quality testing for Public Works.

Douglas Environmental Group
139 East 2nd Street
San Dimas, CA 91773
(909) 374-0006

Sierra Analytical
26052 Merit Circle, Suite 105
Laguna Hills, CA 92653
(949) 348-9389

2. *Question: What elements of water need to be tested and what is the annual frequency for water quality testing?*

Response: Please note Exhibit H, Dominguez Gap Wetlands Operations and Maintenance Manual, Section 2.2 Water Quality, pages 2-1 through 2-8. Frequency is also discussed in this section. Also, please note Schedule of Prices, form PW-2.1, item 8, Water Quality Sampling, Annual Frequency.

3. *Question: What is the current maintenance cost for the Dominguez Gap Spreading Grounds?*

Response: The current maintenance cost to cover Dominguez Gap Spreading Grounds is \$13,072 per month, for two full - time employees, Monday - Friday, 8 hrs/day, and 40 hrs/week.

4. *Question: Are the present conditions of landscape areas on the east and west sides acceptable, or will you be requiring the current company to do a clean up before the new contract is started?*

Response: The existing contractor will continue to perform its current maintenance practices. When and if deficiencies are discovered during the new contract, those deficiencies that are covered within the Scope of Work must be corrected.

5. *Question: Please provide a list of native plants used in landscaped areas in order for us to submit future proposals. The list should show type and size required for replacement.*

Response: This information is provided in Exhibit I, Planting Plans and Plant Palette. The restoration Plant Palette is the very last page of Exhibit I. The existing and restoration Plant Palettes include: a list of native plants to be used on center spacing, container size, and number of plants required.

6. *Question: If weed control in water areas is needed, what type of chemical is required and/or acceptable to be used?*

Response: The current Public Works' recommended and approved material for use in below High Water mark as well as in the water is Aquamaster. For use in the areas well away from any water, Round Pro is Public Works' current recommended and approved material.

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If you have any questions concerning the above information, please contact Mr. Edwin Manoukian at (626) 458-4057, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Very truly yours,

GAIL FARBER
Director of Public Works

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GHAYANE ZAKARIAN, Chief
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