

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET
CITY OF SAN DIEGO

DATE ISSUED: August 31, 2012
ATTENTION: Natural Resources and Culture Committee,
Agenda of September 19, 2012
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Public Utilities
SUBJECT: As-Needed Environmental Services Contract for Public
Utilities 2012-2017
COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): Citywide
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REQUESTED ACTION:

Authorize the Mayor or his representative to approve and execute an Agreement with Atkins North America, Inc. for As-Needed Environmental Services to support Public Utilities Department, for an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the requested action and adopt the resolution.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Public Utilities Department (Public Utilities) proposes to enter into an agreement with Atkins North America, Inc. to provide as-needed environmental consulting services for Public Utilities. The agreement would be for a duration of five years and at a not-to-exceed amount of \$2,000,000.

Public Utilities advertised and requested proposals for the 2012-2017 As-Needed Environmental Services Contract in January 2012. Six proposals were received. A selection committee in compliance with City guidelines was convened, and three companies were short-listed. The three gave presentations to the committee, and Atkins North America, Inc. was selected as the most qualified firm overall.

The As-Needed Environmental Services Consultant will work with Public Utilities to support our implementation of the City's sewer inspection, cleaning, and maintenance program to comply with the United States Environmental Protection Agency Consent Decree and Canyon Sewer Program Programmatic Environmental Impact Report, and other agency mandates, in addition to providing environmental services for Water Branch operations maintenance activities. Public Utilities ongoing Canyon Sewer Cleaning Program is focused on cleaning approximately 253 miles of non-right-of-way sewer pipelines, many of which are located within canyons or other environmentally sensitive areas. In many cases, maintenance access through these environmentally sensitive lands does not exist. In these cases, the creation of temporary or permanent access paths has resulted in the need for environmental and engineering expertise to minimize environmental impacts, evaluate environmental impacts, and satisfy regulatory requirements.

The As-Needed consultant also would assist with the Wastewater Branch Emergency Canyon Access Program and Water Branch Emergency and Maintenance and Operations projects. Work to be performed under this contract will be completed on a task by task basis, and requires environmental regulatory expertise to satisfy State and Federal compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as well as local and regional environmental compliance in support of Public Utilities operations. Public Utilities anticipates ongoing needs for biological surveys and monitoring; wetland delineations; environmental impact evaluations; preparation of mitigation, monitoring, and reporting programs (MMRP's); revegetation and habitat restoration plans; preparation of preliminary environmental constraints analyses and reports; water quality reports; construction monitoring; focused species surveys; acoustical analyses; preparation of contract drawings; access planning design; GIS mapping; regulatory permitting, and overall environmental document preparation. These tasks require Public Utilities to conduct work in a timely manner to meet required schedules and satisfy regulatory conditions.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CONTRACTING:

This Agreement is subject to the City's Equal Opportunity Contracting (San Diego Ordinance No. 18173, Section 22.2701 through 22.2702) and Non-Discrimination in Contracting Ordinance (San Diego Municipal Code Section 22.3501 through 22.3517).

Funding Agency: City of San Diego – Prevailing wages do not apply to this contract.

Other: Workforce Report submitted –Equal Opportunity required.

Staff will monitor adherence to the Non-Discrimination in contracting Ordinance.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The total not to exceed authorization is \$2,000,000.00. Funds for individual projects and anticipated projects have been budgeted and will be available in Sewer Fund 700000, 700001, and Water Fund 700011. This project is not dependant on future financing proceeds.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL and/or COMMITTEE ACTION:

None

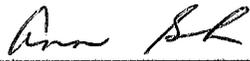
COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS:

Staff will work with the communities during the implementation of individual projects.

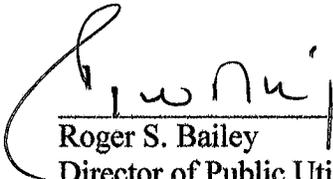
KEY STAKEHOLDERS AND PROJECTED IMPACTS:

Atkins North America, Inc.

Citywide



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