

# REGIONAL TRANSIT ISSUE PAPER

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Subject: Authorizing the Solicitation of Proposals for Environmental Support Services (ESS)

## ISSUE

Whether to authorize the Solicitation of Proposals for Environmental Support Services (ESS).

## RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt Resolution No. 16-04-\_\_\_\_\_, Authorizing the Solicitation of Proposals for Environmental Support Services (ESS).

## FISCAL IMPACT

This action does not involve the expenditure of funds. The contract award, which will authorize the expenditure of funds, will be presented to the Board as a future action.

## DISCUSSION

RT currently has an Environmental Support Services (ESS), work order-based contract with Atkins North America, Inc. that will expire on August 21, 2016. The primary objective of engaging an environmental consultant team is to provide specialized technical expertise, as needed, to RT.

The environmental consultant team must have specialized expertise in areas such as preparing various types of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documents (e.g. environmental assessments, Environmental Impact Reports (EIR's), Environmental Impact Statements (EIS's), Initial Studies and Negative Declarations), assisting with wetlands delineations and mitigation, assisting with biological studies (e.g. perform biological assessments and review biological opinions), providing arborist consultations, conducting noise and vibration impact assessments, assisting with cultural resource evaluations, and performing traffic studies. The consultant must also have experience in working with the various federal, state and local resource and regulatory agencies (e.g. U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, California Department of Fish and Game, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regional Water Quality Control Board, etc.). When needed, the environmental consultant team will be called upon to provide technical consultation, written reports, and a variety of specialized field activities pertaining to environmental issues for service planning, real estate, facility, and design and construction phases of RT projects.

The ESS contract could be utilized for smaller projects, such as Dos Rios and Horn light rail stations, as well assisting with larger projects such as the Downtown Riverfront Streetcar and Green Line to the Airport.

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Approved:

Presented:

Final 04/18/16

General Manager/CEO

Director, Project Management

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The environmental consultant team will be retained for a 5-year period. The work will be performed on a work order-basis. With the Board's approval, staff intends to release a Request for Proposals with the goal of having a new contract in place by August 2016.

Staff requests the Board authorize the Solicitation of Proposals for Environmental Support Services (ESS).

RESOLUTION NO. 16-04-\_\_\_\_\_

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Regional Transit District on this date:

April 25, 2016

**AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION OF PROPOSALS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL  
SUPPORT SERVICES (ESS)**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

THAT, the Request for Proposals for Environmental Support Services (ESS) is  
hereby approved and authorized for release.

THAT, the Request for Proposals be advertised pursuant to the provisions of the RT  
Procurement Ordinance.

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JAY SCHENIRER, Chair

A T T E S T:

MICHAEL R. WILEY, Secretary

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cindy Brooks, Assistant Secretary