

# REGIONAL TRANSIT ISSUE PAPER

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## ISSUE

Whether or not to award a Contract for Environmental Support Services (ESS) to AECOM.

## RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt Resolution No. 16-10-\_\_\_\_, Awarding a Contract for Environmental Support Services to AECOM.

## FISCAL IMPACT

Budgeted: Yes. Work will not proceed without funding.  
Budget Source: Capital/Operating  
Funding Source: Various. Determined when Work Order is created.  
Cost Cntr/GL Acct(s) or Capital Project #: TBD  
Total Budget: Not to Exceed \$1,000,000

## DISCUSSION

On April 25, 2016, the RT Board authorized staff to solicit proposals for Environmental Support Services (ESS). The primary objective of engaging an environmental consultant team on an on-call basis is to provide specialized technical expertise, as needed, to RT. Issuance of an umbrella-type work order-based, support services contract benefits RT by reducing the cost and administrative time associated with multiple consultant selections and administration of multiple contracts.

The environmental consultant team may be called upon to provide technical consultation, written reports and a variety of specialized field activities pertaining to environmental issues as they relate to service planning, real estate, facility needs, and design and construction phases of RT projects. The environmental consultant team will be retained over a 5-year period, with the work to be done on a Work Order basis. The team will include a prime Consultant and may include a team of subconsultants that have specialized expertise in areas the Consultant does not including such areas as preparation of various types of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documents (e.g. environmental assessments, Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs), Environmental Impact Statements (EISs), Initial Studies and Negative Declarations), assist in wetlands delineations and mitigation, assist in biological studies (e.g. perform biological assessments and review biological opinions), provide arborist consultations,

Approved:

Presented:

Final 10/18/16

General Manager/CEO

Director, Project Management

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conduct noise and vibration impact assessments, assist in cultural resource evaluations, perform traffic studies and have required experience in working with the various federal, state and local resource agencies (e.g. U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS), California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE), Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), etc.). The current ESS contract with Atkins North America, Inc. expired on August 21, 2016.

The RFP was released on May 3, 2016, and the solicitation was advertised in publications of general circulation and posted on RT’s website under Advertised Bidding Opportunities. On June 8, 2016, RT received 3 responsive proposals from: AECOM, CirclePoint and Michael Baker International. The Selection Committee, consisting of Ed Scofield, Director, Project Management; Sharon Fultz, Real Estate Administrator; and Traci Canfield, Long Rang Planner, reviewed the written proposals. The qualifying criteria included Project Understanding, Project Staffing and Experience and Approach to Work.

The Selection Committee, based on its evaluation of the written proposals, determined that oral presentations were not needed and contract negotiations would begin with the highest-ranked firm, AECOM. This is an architectural and engineering-type contract where sequential contract negotiations beginning with the most qualified firm first are required under The Brooks Act. CirclePoint ranked second and Michael Baker International ranked third. All three consultant teams are highly qualified and are considered eligible for award; however, only one consulting team is needed and RT and AECOM successfully completed contract negotiations.

The ESS contract will have a 5-year term for a variety of work tasks performed on a work order basis. There is no predetermined scope or dollar amount limit for an individual task. After negotiating the price for a work order, the General Manager/CEO, or his designee, will approve work orders up to \$100,000 and work orders exceeding \$100,000 will require Board approval. As work orders are assigned to the Consultant, they are charged against the respective project’s budget line item for the task being performed.

Pursuant to the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) regulations in 49 C.F.R. Part 26 and RT’s DBE Program, no DBE participation goal was set for this procurement.

Staff recommends the Board award a Contract for Environmental Support Services to AECOM for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 over five years.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-10-\_\_\_\_\_

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

October 24, 2016

**AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SUPPORT SERVICES TO  
AECOM**

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

THAT, the General Manager/CEO is hereby authorized to award a Contract to  
AECOM therein referred to as "Consultant," wherein Consultant agrees to provide  
Environmental Support Services, as specified, for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.

THAT, the Chair and General Manager/CEO are hereby authorized and directed to  
execute said Contract.

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JAY SCHENIRER, Chair

A T T E S T:

HENRY LI, Secretary

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