# MOTION NO. M2013-08

**On-call Contract for Environmental Services** 

MEETING:	DATE:	<b>TYPE OF ACTION:</b>	STAFF CONTACT:	PHONE:
Capital Committee	02/14/2013	Final Action	Ric Ilgenfritz, PEPD Executive Director Ellie Ziegler, Senior Environmental Planner	206-398-5239 206-398-5135

# **PROPOSED ACTION**

Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute a contract with Environmental Science Associates to provide on-call environmental services to Sound Transit for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$4,000,000.

# **KEY FEATURES SUMMARY**

- This action provides environmental service work for Sounder, ST Express, and Link capital projects and projects currently in operation. The scope of work is expected to include environmental documentation, permitting, environmental mitigation, and construction and facilities compliance.
- Work under this contract will be assigned on a task order basis after available budget is verified and cost proposals are negotiated with the consultant.
- Sound Transit's existing on-call environmental contract will expire in April 2013.
- This contract term is five years with no options to extend, beginning in March 2013, and ending in March 2018.

# BACKGROUND

Substantial environmental work for large capital and operation projects is primarily covered by project-specific contracts. This on-call environmental contract ensures small environmental issues can be handled after close out of project-specific contracts. This on-call contracting method also allows the agency to address small project environmental work. Work under this contract will allow Sound Transit to complete environmental compliance work for small projects where it is more efficient to use an existing contract rather than separate procurements.

Sound Transit has used environmental on-call contracts since 2002 and these contracts have helped the agency deal with unanticipated environmental work quickly and efficiently without delaying projects.

This contract was procured through a competitive process. A request for qualifications (RFQ) was issued in October 2012. Five firms submitted proposals in response to the RFQ, and ESA received the highest overall score.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

This on-call contract will be used for Sounder Commuter Rail, ST Express Bus, Link Light Rail or Service Delivery projects. Expenses associated with this contract will come from the preliminary engineering and final design phases within the overall capital project budgets, or through operating expenses in the Service Delivery budget. The services described in the proposed action would be assigned on a task order basis after available budget is verified. Since the proposed services will be assigned on an as-needed basis, the distribution of costs will be determined as project need is established.

### SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION

Small Business and DBE Goals Sound Transit Goal: Small Business: 20% DBE: 10% Commitment:

Small Business: 53% DBE: 18%

Subconsultant/Subcontractor	Business Type	% of Work	Dollar Value
Agua Terra Cultural Resources	SBE	3%	\$120,000
Consultants			
Axis Environmental, LLC	DBE	1%	\$40,000
EHS International	DBE	1%	\$40,000
Fennelle Deforest Miller Consultants	SBE	3%	\$120,000
Heffron Transportation	SBE	2%	\$80,000
Hirsch Consulting Services	SBE	1%	\$40,000
K2J	SBE	1%	\$40,000
Michael Minor and Associates	MBE/DBE	1%	\$40,000
The Sheridan Consulting Group	DBE	2%	\$80,000
True North Land Surveying, Inc.	DBE	2%	\$80,000
Urban Tech Systems	DBE	1%	\$40,000
Cascade Interpretive Consulting	SBE	.5%	\$20,000
Cascadia Consulting	SBE	3%	\$120,000
Herrera Environmental Consultants,	SBE	27%	\$1,080,000
Inc.			
J.A. Brennan Associates, PLLC	SBE	2%	\$80,000
Keith F. Fabing, Inc.	SBE	1%	\$40,000
Restoration Logistics	SBE	1.5%	\$60,000
Total		53%	\$2,120,000

### EQUAL EMPLOYMENT WORKFORCE PROFILE

ESA has 362 employees; 48.3% women; 16.2% minorities.

### PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Not applicable to this action.

# TIME CONSTRAINTS

Sound Transit's existing on-call environmental contract will expire in April 2013. Establishing a new on-call environmental services contract before April will help ensure timely response to the agency's environmental service needs.

# **PRIOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTIONS**

None.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

JI 1/31/2013

## **LEGAL REVIEW**

JW 2/8/2013



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#### **MOTION:**

It is hereby moved by the Capital Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the chief executive officer is authorized to execute a contract with Environmental Science Associates to provide on-call environmental services to Sound Transit for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$4,000,000.

APPROVED by the Capital Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on February 14, 2013.

Capital Committee Chair

ATTEST:

Marcia Walker Board Administrator