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Suspension of Competition Acquisition Request

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- 1. Fully describe the product(s) and/or service(s) being requested. Chief Plant Operator for water and wastewater systems at CSA 47, JJC, CSA 30, CSA 32, CSA 49 and weekend coverage for water and wastewater systems at CSA 34 and CSA 44D on an emergency basis
2. Identify the selected vendor and contact person; include the address, phone number and e-mail address for each. Central Cal Waterworks Inc. Jason Sherrell PO Box 1088 Auberry, CA 93602 jsherrell@centralcalwaterworks.com (559) 575-5627
3. What is the total cost of the acquisition? If an agreement, state the total cost of the initial term and the amounts for potential renewal terms. Requesting an Open PO for services effective October 10, 2022 for up to \$200,000
4. Identify the unique qualities and/or capabilities of the service(s) and/or product(s) that qualify this as a Suspension of Competition acquisition. Central Cal Waterworks has the experience and required level of operator certifications to run the water and wastewater plants. In addition, they have been to each site and thus have knowledge about the intricacies and challenges that come with operating each individual system.
5. Identify from Administrative Policy #34 what circumstances constitute a Suspension of Competition. [ ] In an emergency when goods or services are immediately necessary for the preservation of the public health, welfare, or safety, or for the protection of County property. [ ] When the contract is with a federal, state, or local governmental agency. [ ] When the department head, with the concurrence of the Purchasing Agent, finds that the cost of preparing and administering a competitive bidding process in a particular case will equal or exceed the estimated contract amount or \$5,000 whichever is more. [ ] When a contract provides only for payment of per diem and travel expenses and there is to be no payment for services rendered. [ ] When obtaining the services of expert witnesses for litigation or special counsel to assist the County. [X] When in unusual or extraordinary circumstances, the Board of Supervisors or the Purchasing Agent/Purchasing Manager determines that the best interests of the County would be served by not securing competitive bids or issuing a request for proposal.
6. Explain why the unique qualities and/or capabilities described above are essential to your department. The County has historically had difficulties recruiting and retaining qualified/certified Water/Wastewater Specialists due to the required certifications in water distribution, water treatment, and wastewater treatment. This requirement is necessary to achieve operational and cost efficiencies. In addition, new development and increasing water/wastewater monitoring standards make the need for additional staff even more prevalent. As a result of this, not employing sufficient staff to adequately operate all of the water/wastewater systems could lead to serious health and public safety violations. Staff shortage can lead to missed deadlines for sampling requirements causing the systems to receive violations from the CSWRCB which adds additional costs. Having Central Cal Waterworks take over operations for the aforementioned districts will make it more feasible for current staff to meet all the testing and monitoring deadlines for the remaining districts during the current staffing shortage.
7. Provide a comprehensive explanation of the research done to verify that the recommended vendor is the only vendor with the unique qualities and/or capabilities stated above. Include a list of all other vendors contacted, what they were asked, and their responses. The Water/Wastewater Supervisor has reached out to several companies who provide these types of services. Central Cal Waterworks is the only company with the required certifications who would be able to take on the requested workload, which is widely dispersed through out various parts of Fresno County

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Requested By:

Principal Staff Analyst

Title

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I approve this request to suspend competition for the service(s) and/or product(s) identified herein.

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Department Head Signature

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Purchasing Manager Signature