



Suspension of Competition Acquisition Request

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1. Fully describe the product(s) and/or service(s) being requested.
Wastewater Treatment Lagoon Aeration System

2. Identify the selected vendor and contact person; include the address, phone number and e-mail address for each.
Contact: Simon Morris, Cell #916-642-5500
Manufacturer: Triple Point Environmental, 1010 W. Lake, Suite 503, Oak Park, IL 60301

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.
CSA 30 = \$33,697 & CSA 32 = \$46,366
Total = \$80,063

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.
 - High efficiency, high oxygen transfer, self-cleaning EPDM membranes with anti-clogging, positive backflow sealing feature.
 - Unique diffuser pattern and height placement avoids issues with sediment fouling.
 - Flexible weighed tubing ensures clean install with no floating air lines that can catch rags and weeds.
 - Individual aerator air flow control and balancing via the distribution manifold, conveniently accessed from the side of the lagoon

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 \$2,500 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.
 - 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 current aeration systems consist of floating aerators with propellers to provide oxygen transfer for treatment of the wastewater. These types of aerators are constantly rugging-up with the incoming waste that flows into the plant (toilet paper, diapers, etc). The Operators have to constantly pull the existing aerators out of the ponds to "detangle" all the rugs from the propellers. The new aerations system will help reducing rugging, thus, operational costs of these severely discadvantages communities.

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.
Although there are multiple vendors that have similar technology, Triplepoint has patented the air diffusers which are highly efficient for air transfer.
Furthermore, when County staff contacted other manufacturers with this similar technology, they did not recommend their product for this application, however, Triplepoint emailed the County a list of multiple locations with contact information where their product has proven excellent performance in similar applications

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Requested By:

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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