

Board of Trustees Agenda Item
Board Meeting Date: May 7, 2012

Title of Item: Geologic & Geotechnical Engineering Services Firm Selection

Background and Analysis:

Geological and geotechnical engineering consulting services will be needed by the District for various projects at Foothill College, De Anza College and at the Educational Center to be located at the former Onizika Air Force Station.

In September, 2011 the District issued Request for Qualifications (RFQ) #1423 for Geologic and Geotechnical Engineering Services. The intent of the RFQ was to establish a pool of firms qualified to provide services for projects to be undertaken by the District over the next three years.

The RFQ was advertised on Bidnet and local firms thought to be qualified were contacted directly and encouraged to apply. On November 18, 2011, the District received responses to the RFQ from the following nine firms: BSK Associates; Cleary Consultants, Inc*.; Construction Testing Services*; Cornerstone Earth Group*; Fugro; Geosphere Consultants, Inc.; Pacific Geotechnical Engineering; Treadwell & Rollo; and URS*.

A selection committee, comprised of District and Gilbane/Maas personnel, deliberated regarding the completeness and quality of responses, experience related to District projects, qualifications and experience of proposed team members and fee structure. Because the amount of work available for this specialty is somewhat limited, the four top-rated respondent firms, designated by an asterisk (*) above, were selected as the pool available to provide services.

No commitment was made in the RFQ to employ every selected firm; final selections to provide services for individual projects will be based upon project needs, experience and qualification related to the project, availability relative to project schedules, references, and comparative cost proposals.

Recommendation: Executive Director of Facilities, Operations, and Construction Management Charles Allen recommends that the Board approve the list of four firms to be included in a Geologic & Geotechnical Engineering Services Pool.

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Is backup provided?	No