

SOQ For Continued CV-SALTS Projects Executive Committee Procurement Recommendations Calendared for Approval 11/6/2015

Background

On November 7, 2014 the Executive Committee authorized release of a Request for Qualifications for the remainder of CV-SALTS technical work. On December 19th two responsive Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) were received. Larry Walker and Associates Team (LWA) and CDM Smith both submitted a SOQ.

A Selection Committee was assembled to review and rank the qualifications and proposal. The committee included:

1. Casey Creamer, So San Joaquin Valley Water Quality Coalition
2. David Cory, San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority (Drainage Authority)
3. Debbie Webster, Central Valley Clean Water Association
4. Daniel Cozad, Central Valley Salinity Coalition
5. Glenn Meeks, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
6. Pam Buford, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
7. Joe McGahan, Contract Manager Drainage Authority

The committee reviewed the SOQs and proposals based on a review and scoring format. Many members provided scores that were used as one guide of ranking the firms/teams. Scores were tabulated and reviewed by the team along with observations and comments from the proposals. A conference call was held on 1/21/15 for the Selection Committee to review their scoring and discuss their selections recommendations. There was consistent consensus of the reviewers both in scoring and final ranking. The Drainage Authority also reviewed the proposals and concurred with the group's recommendations. Based on the committee's recommendation, the Executive Committee on February 20, 2015 accepted both Larry Walker and Associates and CDM Smith Statements of Qualifications as qualified firms which should receive proposals requests from CV-SALTS for work on the remaining CV-SALTS Projects listed in Attachment A of the request.

Remaining Projects

Based on the acceptance of the two SOQs, planning was continued to procure the tasks shown below:

- Nitrate Implementation Measures Study \$99,995 (previously contracted CDM)
- Sampling and Analysis Plan \$99,857 (previously contracted - CDM)
- Conduct Economic Analysis \$271,026 (remaining Budget amount)
- Perform Antidegradation Analysis \$100,000 (Budget)
- CEQA Substitute Environmental Document/Basin Plan Staff report \$ 300,000 (Budget)

In order to determine which projects would require alternate Technical Project Manager Services (those that current Technical Project Manager Richard Meyerhoff, of CDM Smith would propose on) we solicited both firms interest in the remaining work. In a formalized request both teams' submitted letters identifying the projects they intended to propose upon and which ones they would not. There was no overlap in the projects that each team was willing to propose upon; therefore, conducting competitive procurement processes for the remaining projects was unnecessary. Because the project costs are set in the budget, involving the contractors in developing the scopes of work so that they can give us the most they can do for the budget available is prudent. Additionally, significant value can be

achieved in closely coordinating these remaining projects closely and having a Project Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee very involved in project scopes and workplan reviews.

After informal discussion with the Regional Board Contract Manager and Drainage Authority Contract Manager, we proposed this procurement approach to the Section Committee. Upon review the Selection Committee approved and recommended approval would be requested from the Executive Committee. On July 10, 2015, the Executive Committee approved the approach for the procurement efforts for the CV-SALTS technical efforts listed in Attachment A of the 11/7/14 Request for Qualifications. Based on this approach the consultants prepared scope documents/outlines for the work to be performed. They have coordinated these among themselves to increase effectiveness.

Selection Committee recommends the Executive Committee request:

1. CVSC Executive Director, the Drainage Authority and Regional Board Staff work with the consultants to develop work plans from for each task shown below.
2. Drainage Authority award and contract with LWA and CDM for the not to exceed totals below
3. Authorize an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for each of the three tasks below to coordinate project scopes and provide final scope and work plans for the remainder of the projects. This \$10,000 is included in the not to exceed budgets shown below.

Conceptual Model Phase 3 Contract line item 4D3c

- Conduct Economic Analysis - Not to exceed \$271,026 to LWA
- Perform Antidegradation Analysis – Not to exceed \$100,000 to LWA

Plan Documentation - Contract Line Item 4D5

- CEQA Substitute Environmental Document Not to exceed \$ 300,000 to CDM

Attached

General approach and proposed tasks – 3 pages