



**Sonoma
Water**

MEMORANDUM

TW: 24/25-010

DATE: October 22, 2024

TO: Grant Davis, General Manager

FROM: Chris Delaney, Project Manager *CD*

SUBJECT: **Selection of Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. for Russian River Watershed Resiliency Study**

The California State Department of Water Resources (DWR) seeks to better understand the vulnerabilities, affected communities, and strategies to enhance resiliency in watersheds throughout the State of California by means of comprehensive and strategic engagement with communities, including Tribes and frontline communities, to understand risks, support decisions, and identify solutions. In 2024 DWR initiated a pilot Watershed Resiliency Program (Program) with selected entities representing five watersheds in the State of California, including the Russian River watershed (Watershed). DWR will collaborate closely with the five Program participants to refine the requirements for the Watershed Resilience Plan before introducing the Program statewide.

Sonoma County Water Agency (Sonoma Water) was selected to participate in the Program to develop a Watershed Resilience Plan that will include the Watershed and Sonoma Water's water delivery areas.

A watershed network will be convened as part of this project to assist with the development of the Watershed Resilience Plan. The watershed network may include regional water management groups, groundwater sustainability agencies, regional climate collaboratives, environmental groups and other relevant water and resource management groups (Watershed Network). Through the development of the Watershed Network, Sonoma Water will seek to engage vulnerable communities and relevant California Tribes.

Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. (Consultant) was selected from a list of qualified consultants developed from a competitive selection process. Attached is a memo that explains the competitive selection process.

Consultant was selected for the subject work because of their extensive experience working on projects in the Watershed, most notably the Sonoma Water Climate Adaptation Plan. Additionally, Consultant has extensive experience and expertise in the fields of climate science and climate resiliency planning.

The hiring of Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. for this agreement causes no conflict of interest and is not based on any financial incentive provided to Sonoma Water or its employees and representatives.

Attachment

c: Lisa Consani



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TW: 23/24-093

DATE: July 18, 2024

TO: Grant Davis, General Manager

FROM: Chris Delaney, Project Manager *CD*

SUBJECT: **LIST OF QUALIFIED CONSULTANTS FOR ENGINEERING AND RELATED SERVICES FOR ASSESSMENT OF RESILIENCY FOR CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND WATERSHED RESOURCES - *NOT TO BE USED FOR FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECTS UNLESS APPROVED IN ADVANCE BY GRANT MANAGER***

On May 31, 2024, Sonoma County Water Agency (Sonoma Water) issued a Request for Statements of Qualifications (RFQ) to the following ten firms:

- Environmental Science Associates, Petaluma, California
- GEI Consultants, Inc., Rancho Cordova, California
- Hazen and Sawyer, San Francisco, California
- Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., San Diego, California
- Kearns & West, San Francisco, California
- MBK Engineers, Sacramento, California
- Montrose Environmental Group, Inc., Oakland, California
- Rincon Consultants, Inc., Ventura, California
- Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., Sacramento, California
- West Consultants, Inc., Folsom, California

The RFQ was also posted on the Sonoma County Water Agency and County of Sonoma Purchasing Department websites.

The 11 firms listed below submitted Statements of Qualifications (SOQs):

- AJ Perez Consulting
- A.T.E.M. Electrical Engineering Inc.
- Burns & McDonnell Western Enterprises, Inc.
- Environmental Science Associates
- GEI Consultants, Inc.
- Hazen and Sawyer
- Jacobs Engineering Group Inc.
- Joe Hill Consulting and Engineering Corporation, dba Joe Hill Consulting Engineers

- Ray Carlson and Associates, Inc.
- Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.
- West Consultants, Inc.

The following criteria were used to evaluate each firm:

- Thoroughness of SOQ
- Professional qualifications and demonstrated ability to perform the work
- Exceptions to standard terms in the sample agreement

Based on the evaluations, the following respondents were selected for the list of qualified consultants:

| Name of Firm | DIR Registered? Y/N |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Environmental Science Associates | Y |
| GEI Consultants, Inc. | N |
| Hazen and Sawyer | N |
| Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. | Y |
| Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. | Y |
| West Consultants, Inc. | Y |

For projects requiring engineering and related services for assessment of resiliency for critical infrastructure and watershed resources, and related services, Sonoma Water will contact individual firms from the above list to determine availability and potential conflict of interest with other projects that the firm is undertaking, and to prepare a cost proposal to perform the work.

Prior to contacting a firm, Sonoma Water will, at a minimum, vet the firm against federal sanctions lists to comply with Executive Order N-6-22. Executive Order N-6-22 was issued by Governor Newsom to support federal efforts aimed at the Russian war on Ukraine. To remain eligible for state contracting and grant funding, Sonoma Water will not contract with firms listed on the sanctions lists or that are a target of the federal sanctions.

SOQs and evaluation forms have been sent to Records.

c: Christine R. Teaford