



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: October 16, 2007
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Scott McGolpin, Director of Public Works
Director(s)
Contact Info: Mark Schleich, Public Works Deputy Director, 882-3603

SUBJECT: **Contract for consulting services to evaluate the feasibility of conversion technology at the Tajiguas Landfill (First, Second and Third Supervisorial Districts)**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

Approve the attached contract with Alternative Resources, Incorporated (not a local vendor) for consulting services to evaluate the feasibility of conversion technology (CT) at the Tajiguas Landfill for a not to exceed amount of \$147,400.

Summary Text:

As previously directed by the Board, the Public Works Staff has partnered with the City of Santa Barbara Public Works Staff to select a consultant to assist in the review and possible selection of a CT to be used at the Tajiguas Landfill as an alternative to the current disposal methods of our community's municipal solid waste.

After careful review, performed by the City & County Public Works Staff, Alternative Resources, Incorporated (not a local vendor) of Concord, Massachusetts, has been selected as the preferred vendor at a cost of \$147,400. The first phase of their work will be completed by January 31, 2008.

The City of Santa Barbara has agreed to pay 50% of all costs related to this Contract through reimbursement payments to the Department of Public Works.

Background:

The Board has requested that Public Works Staff work together with the City of Santa Barbara in evaluating the feasibility of conversion technology to be used as an alternative to standard disposal through burial at the Tajiguas Landfill. In order to expedite this process, your Board also directed staff to hire an independent consultant with expertise in this area.

In May 2007, the Public Works Department issued a request for proposals (RFP) soliciting consulting services for CT review. In June 2007, the Public Works Departments of both the City and County of Santa Barbara created a selection committee to review the responses to the RFP. Participating jurisdictions included: the County of Santa Barbara, the City of Santa Barbara, the City of Goleta and the Montecito Sanitation District. The selection committee has determined Alternative Resources Incorporated (ARI) to be the best qualified consultant for this project.

ARI is an independent consulting firm that has provided management, environmental, engineering and financial services related to municipal solid waste disposal for over 23 years. ARI is the recognized leader in evaluating and implementing conversion technologies nationwide. They are currently managing similar projects for New York City, Los Angeles County, the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority and the City of San Diego.

Performance Measure:

The Contract includes a clearly defined set of deliverables under an aggressive schedule. Completing these deliverables on time will be the primary performance measure used by the County.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:	\$ 147,400.00		\$ 147,400.00
Total	\$ 147,400.00	\$ -	\$ 147,400.00

Narrative: The amount specified in the contract will be paid directly from the Resource Recovery & Waste Management Enterprise Fund with 50% of total costs being reimbursed by the City of Santa Barbara.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

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FTEs:

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Special Instructions: N/A

Attachments:

1. Contract with Alternative Resources, Inc

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