

**Metropolitan Domestic Water Improvement District
Board of Directors Meeting**

May 14, 2012

**Consultant Selection for Miscellaneous Geotechnical & Material Testing Services
for Fiscal Year 2012-2013**

Synopsis

The Board of Directors is requested to approve the consultant selection ranking for Miscellaneous Geotechnical & Material Testing Services and direct staff to negotiate an acceptable geotechnical services contract agreement with the selected consultant.

Background

The District has maintained a Geotechnical & Material Testing Services agreement with local engineering consultants since November 1995. Since that time, Engineering and Utility Divisions have both utilized geotechnical services for numerous construction and design projects. The primary function of these services is to verify soil compaction and concrete strength for work conducted within public right-of-ways and District facility sites. In addition, services provided by this contract have included soil analysis for construction and well drilling, soil borings and specialized hydrogeological tests. In June 2009, the Board of Directors awarded Western Technologies, Inc. the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Miscellaneous Geotechnical & Material Testing Services contract. Subsequently, the Board of Directors approved one year contract extensions in June 2010 and again in June 2011 in accordance with the original contract terms. The original contract allowed for two additional one-year extensions with this year's extension being the last set to expire on June 30, 2012.

Issues

Based on current and anticipated design and construction activities over the next three years, the need to continue utilizing consultants for geotechnical & material services will continue, especially with the Pima County/RTA Roadway Improvement Program. Staff feels that the upcoming design and construction activities can be facilitated by one consultant.

The District published a request for Statements of Qualification (SOQ) for Miscellaneous Geotechnical & Materials Testing Services in the Daily Territorial on March 5, 6, 7, 8, & 9, 2012. Eleven (11) consultants requested the proposal package and seven (7) responded with submitted proposals. A committee comprised of three District Engineering Division staff members evaluated each proposal. The results of the evaluations are tallied below:

SCORE TABULATION					
	Reviewer "A"	Reviewer "B"	Reviewer "C"	Score	Rank
ATL, Inc.	66	85	87	79.33	6
ConformaTech, Inc.	78	98	92	89.33	4
Ninyo & Moore	83	100	86	89.67	3
Pattison Evenoff Engineering, LLC	78	90	82	83.33	5
Physical Resource Engineering, Inc.	62	72	76	70	7
Speedie & Associates	86	100	92	92.67	1
Western Technologies, Inc.	84	95	93	90.67	2

Speedie & Associated received the highest average score from the reviewers with Western Technologies, Inc. receiving the second highest. The selection of professional services is based upon demonstrated competence and qualifications only as presented in the respective company's statement of qualifications. Statutory requirements regarding the procurement of professional services prohibit the use of cost information associated with professional fees and services in the selection process.

Consultant proposals received by the District and a list of the consultants that received proposal packages are available in the Board office for Board member review.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Directors approve the Engineering Consultant ranking, and direct District staff to proceed with developing and acceptable contract agreement (contract and salary rates) with the top ranked firm, Speedie & Associates, for Miscellaneous Geotechnical & Material Testing Services. If staff is unable to negotiate an acceptable contract agreement with Speedie & Associates, then staff has the authorization to negotiate with the next highest ranked firm, and continue the process, if necessary, until an acceptable contract agreement is obtained. Staff shall submit the final negotiated Miscellaneous Geotechnical & Material Testing contract agreement to the Board of Directors for approval.

Suggested Motion

I move to approve the Engineering Consultant ranking, and direct District staff to proceed with developing an acceptable contract agreement (contract and salary rates) with the top ranked firm, Speedie & Associates, for Miscellaneous Geotechnical & Material Testing Services. If staff is

unable to negotiate an acceptable contract agreement with Speedie & Associates, then staff has the authorization to negotiate with the next highest ranked firm, and continue the process, if necessary, until an acceptable contract agreement is obtained. Staff shall submit the final negotiated Miscellaneous Geotechnical & Material Testing contract agreement to the Board of Directors for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie A. Maish, P.E., R.L.S.
District Engineer

I concur with staff's recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Stratton, P.E.
General Manager