RESOLUTION 2015-145

RESOLUTION SELECTING AND AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH GEOSYNTEC CONSULTANTS, INC., KLEINFELDER, INC. AND TETRA TECH, INC. FOR AS-NEEDED ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATION SERVICES FOR AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,800,000 FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS

WHEREAS, the San Diego Unified Port District (District) is a public corporation created by the legislature in 1962 pursuant to Harbors and Navigation Code Appendix 1, (Port Act); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Port Commissioners (BPC) adopted BPC Policy No. 110 to establish a policy governing the processing and administration of public projects, consulting and service agreements, the purchasing of supplies, materials, and equipment, and grants; and

WHEREAS, the District completes environmental investigations and related studies for hazardous substance releases and other environmental issues to comply with regulatory permits and environmental regulations and to implement beyond compliance environmental stewardship efforts; and

WHEREAS, the environmental investigations and studies range from routine to highly technical projects that require outside consultant expertise to ensure the most current industry-accepted methods and approaches are used; and

WHEREAS, the investigation services support the District's capital improvement, major maintenance, and environmental protection programs; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental & Land Use Management Department (ELUM) provides these timely environmental investigation services through asneeded agreements; and

WHEREAS, these environmental investigation services include, but are not limited to: Baseline condition studies of properties for real estate acquisition, new leases or lease terminations, investigations of public works and General Services project locations where the presence of subsurface contamination requires special conditions or alterations to projects to avoid delays and change-

- orders, investigations or development of corrective action work plans for soil, sediment or groundwater, at areas undergoing redevelopment, or under a regulatory order, storm water pollution impact and mitigation studies to address pollutant loading and water quality impairments, and assistance on tenant-led environmental projects; and
- WHEREAS, the as-needed services agreements allow the District to obtain and rely upon a consultant's technical expertise to assist the District in resolving complex and sometimes controversial environmental issues; and
- WHEREAS, whenever possible, services under the agreements will be reimbursed by cooperative arrangements with tenants and through other cost-sharing partnerships; and
- WHEREAS, during the agreement period, the following projects are expected to require environmental investigation services under this agreement: Chula Vista Bayfront Redevelopment, South Bay Power Plant, Harbor Island East Basin Sediment; and
- WHEREAS, on August 10, 2015, pursuant to BPC Policy No. 110, District staff issued Request for Qualifications (RFQ) #15-28 for As-Needed Environmental Investigation Services; and
- **WHEREAS**, electronic solicitation notifications were sent through Planet Bids to 1,354 potential service providers; and
- WHEREAS, on August 17, 2015, an information exchange meeting was held; and
- WHEREAS, on September 9, 2015, the District received responsive proposals from 11 firms; and
- **WHEREAS**, the proposals were evaluated by a panel comprised of District staff from the ELUM, Real Estate and Procurement departments; and
- WHEREAS, based on the interviews, the written proposals and a decision analysis process using the criteria stated in the RFQ, eight firms were selected for interviews, which were conducted on September 22 and 23, 2015; and
- **WHEREAS**, the evaluation panel analyzed the firms' proposals, presentations and responses to the interview questions, then ranked the firms based on the RFQ criteria; and

WHEREAS, based on the evaluation process, District staff recommended Board approval of as-needed agreements with the three top-scoring firms: Geosyntec Consultants, Inc., Kleinfelder, Inc. and Tetra Tech, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, as follows:

That the Executive Director or her designated representative is hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the San Diego Unified Port District to enter into agreements with Geosyntec Consultants, Inc., Kleinfelder, Inc. and Tetra Tech, Inc. for as-needed environmental investigation services for an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,800,000 for a period of three years.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

GENERAL COUNSEL

By: Assistant/Deputy

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, this 17th day of November, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: Bonelli, Castellanos, Malcolm, Merrifield, Moore, Nelson, and Valderrama.

NAYS: None.

EXCUSED: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

Dan Malcolm, Chairman Board of Port Commissioners

ATTEST:

Timothy A. Deuel District Clerk

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