

Open Session Item

**SUBJECT:** Contract Award (PUR-1553) – Engineering Services Requirements Contract for the Department Solid Waste

**PRESENTATION DATE:** June 28, 2022

**PRESENTATION BY:** Brandi Naugle, CPPB, Buyer and David Mason, P.E., Deputy Director, Department of Solid Waste

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Move to award a *primary* requirements contract for the Engineering Services for Department Solid Waste to SCS Engineers, of Columbia, MD to the responsive, responsible proposal with the lowest price proposal in the amount of \$156,490 at the specified unit costs and estimated hours (no minimum or maximum guaranteed); and, as permitted in the Request for Proposals, a “*stand-by list*” of consultants as follows at their specified unit costs and estimated hours (no minimum or maximum guaranteed):

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| (1) EA Engineering, Science, and Technology, Inc., PBC | Hunt Valley, MD |
| (2) ARM Group Enterprises, LLC A/K/A Arm Group LLC     | Columbia, MD    |

**REPORT-IN-BRIEF:** The services under this contract consist of providing engineering support by qualified engineering consultant firms to perform engineering services for Solid Waste projects in the six-year Washington County Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and general operating budget and unanticipated emergencies. The duration of the contract shall be for a period of two (2) years, with an option by the County to renew for up to three (3) additional one (1) year periods. Under the terms of the contract, other political jurisdictions within the County may utilize the services provided as a result of this contract. This is a requirements contract; therefore, services will be utilized on an as-needed basis at the respective hourly unit prices for each discipline with no guarantee of a maximum or minimum number of hours.

Project assignments will be issued in two (2) distinct manners through this contract. Assignments with a fee of \$50,000 or less will be given to the designated responsive-responsible Consultant with the lowest price proposal: Buchart Horn, Inc. Assignments with fees anticipated to exceed \$50,000 will have a defined scope of work specified and distributed to those firms deemed most qualified following in sequence of the lowest overall price proposal and offered on a stand-by list. The County intends to limit the stand-by list to a maximum of five (5) firms, one of which will be the designated responsive-responsible Consultant with the lowest overall price proposal. Assignment value will be determined when the Consultant applies the necessary man-hours and his standard rates to the individual assignment.

In order to determine which proposal offered the overall lowest cost to the County for this recommended contract award; each proposer submitted hourly rates for various employee

classifications or positions. The lowest cost proposal was determined by applying the quoted rates to a position matrix that identified an approximate number of hours by position.

Notice of the Request for Proposal (RFP) was advertised (1) on the County's web site with access to downloading the RFP, (2) on the State's "eMaryland Marketplace" web site, and (3) in the local newspaper. There were thirty-nine (39) downloads of the RFP document from the County's website and six (6) firms were represented at the pre-proposal conference/teleconference. Three (3) firms responded with proposals. After evaluation of Qualifications & Experience submittals, three (3) firms were considered responsive, and their Price Proposals were opened and evaluated (see attached Price Proposal Tabulation Sheet).

The Coordinating Committee was comprised of the following members: Director of Division of Environmental Management (Committee Chairman Designee), Director of Engineering Services, Deputy Director of Solid Waste, Deputy Director of Engineering, and the Director of Purchasing.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Funds are budgeted in various Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and General Operating Budget project accounts for these services.

**CONCURRENCES:** Coordinating Committee

**ALTERNATIVES:** N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:** Price Proposal Matrix

**AUDIO/VISUAL NEEDS:** N/A