



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
February 23, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
 Submitted by: Liam Garland, Director, Department of Public Works
 Subject: Contract: Interface Engineering, Inc. and Salas O'Brien Engineers, Inc. for On-Call Citywide Electrical Engineering Services

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt two Resolutions authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments with the following firms for On-Call Electrical Engineering Services for City-owned facilities in support of the City's annual Facilities Capital Improvement Program, each for the period April 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024

1. Interface Engineering, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$150,000.
2. Salas O'Brien Engineers, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Funding will be identified and requested for appropriation as projects arise with 70% of the funding from the T1 Fund (Fund 511) and 30% from the Capital Improvement Fund (Fund 501).

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

These contracts are essential since they provide electrical engineering consulting services for City facilities within the Public Works (PW) and Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront (PRW) Departments. The contracts also support the City's T1 Program and the Capital Improvement Program. A number of City facility electrical systems are outdated and in need of replacement or upgrade to meet current building codes, and are at risk of becoming safety problems. These on-call contracts will allow repair of problems before they occur and provide safe, reliable, and code-compliant facilities.

The City issued a Request for Qualifications (Specification No. 20-111364-C) on May 22, 2020 seeking firms or individuals to provide on-call electrical engineering services, and on June 18, 2020 received seven (7) proposals. A panel of City staff reviewed the proposals and developed a short list of two (2) firms.

If approved, these contracts will provide planning, design, inspection and construction phase expertise in areas pertaining to electrical engineering.

The provided services will support the Strategic Plan goal to provide state-of-the-art, well-maintained infrastructure, amenities, and facilities.

BACKGROUND

The City operates 95 facilities, not including Library facilities and those leased to other entities. The 95 facilities include 39 in PRW's inventory and 56 under Public Works. A number of these facilities have electrical systems that are outdated, at risk of becoming safety problems, and in need of replacement or upgrade to meet modern building codes.

The Departments of Public Works (Public Works) and Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront (PRW) require electrical engineering consulting services to assist in implementing departmental facility maintenance needs as well as the City's T1 Program and the Capital Improvement Programs.

It is anticipated that the consulting services will be shared with other departments, including PRW.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Work performed under this contract will assist the City in upgrading aging electrical systems and support the City's ongoing efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by improving energy efficiency in City facilities, providing for photovoltaic systems, converting city facilities from gas to electric, and expanding EV charging stations to support electrification of the City's fleet vehicles.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The recommended firms assembled highly qualified teams, with the expertise the City requires. This contract will complement the personnel and capacity available in Public Works Engineering.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

The City may choose not to approve these contracts. However, if City staff is not supplemented with outside electrical engineering consulting services, the condition of the City's facilities will likely worsen.

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Attachments:

- 1: Resolution: Contract Interface Engineering, Inc.
- 2: Resolution: Contract Salas O'Brien Engineers, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

CONTRACT: INTERFACE ENGINEERING, INC. FOR ON-CALL ELECTRICAL
ENGINEERING SERVICES

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2020, the City released a Request for Qualifications (Specification No. 20-111364-C) seeking firms or individuals to provide on-call electrical engineering services; and

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2020, the City received seven (7) submissions, which were reviewed and rated; and

WHEREAS, the submission from Interface Engineering, Inc. has been found to be fully qualified and responsive to the City's request; and

WHEREAS, funding will be identified and requested for appropriation as projects arise with 70% of the funding from the T1 Fund (Fund 511) and 30% from the Capital Improvement Fund (Fund 501).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute a contract and any amendments with Interface Engineering, Inc. for on-call electrical engineering services for City-owned facilities in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the period April 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024. A record signature copy of said contract and any amendments to be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

CONTRACT: SALAS O'BRIEN ENGINEERS, INC. FOR ON-CALL ELECTRICAL
ENGINEERING SERVICES

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2020, the City released a Request for Qualifications (Specification No. 20-111364-C) seeking firms or individuals to provide on-call electrical engineering services; and

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2020, the City received seven (7) submissions, which were reviewed and rated; and

WHEREAS, the submission from Salas O'Brien Engineers, Inc. has been found to be fully qualified and responsive to the City's request; and

WHEREAS, funding will be identified and requested for appropriation as projects arise with 70% of the funding from the T1 Fund (Fund 511) and 30% from the Capital Improvement Fund (Fund 501).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute a contract and any amendments with Salas O'Brien Engineers, Inc. for on-call electrical engineering services for City-owned facilities in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the period April 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024. A record signature copy of said contract and any amendments to be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.