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**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Board Agenda Memo**

**MEETING DATE:** July 9, 2024  
**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** George Schureck, Acting Director of Public Works  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution authorizing asphalt purchases for Nevada County Road Maintenance from Vulcan Materials Company for Western County projects and Teichert for Eastern County projects for an annual not to exceed total of \$300,000 Fiscal Year 2024/2025

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the Resolution.

**FUNDING:** This hot asphalt material expense is included in the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Road Maintenance budget. A budget amendment is not required and there is no impact to the General Fund.

**BACKGROUND:** The Road Division is responsible for maintaining county roadways and utilizes hot asphalt mix which is essential for road maintenance and repairs. Considering Nevada County geographical diversity spans 957.8 square miles of rural land, minimizing the distance traveled hauling hot asphalt is essential, as Roads does not possess the necessary equipment to keep hot asphalt mix at the correct temperature over long travel distances. Additionally, unnecessary travel time increases: (a) the amount of time and cost a project takes to complete; (b) fuel costs; as well as (c) wear and tear on equipment. These costs not only impact the crew's ability to provide County road services but would increase the cost of reimbursable projects for County Service Areas (CSA) and Permanent Road Divisions (PRD).

To ensure the cost of material be extended and the cost for transport/delivery be minimized, an asphalt plant location in both Western and Eastern county is necessary. For Western County project locations, Vulcan Materials Company plant in Grass Valley, CA was selected as the preferred Western County service provider due to the close proximity to the Western region of the County. The plant is located approximately one-quarter of a mile from the Road Division's base of operations and allows for faster transport to Western County job sites. Vulcan Materials Company has an additional plant located in Roseville, CA, which provides flexibility to Road's crew should the Grass Valley plant experience a closure.

In order to best serve the Eastern county projects, Teichert located in Truckee, CA was selected, as it is the only plant located in Eastern county and travel time between the Western County Vulcan plant and Eastern County project sites can be in excess of two to three hours round trip.

The Nevada County Purchasing Policy Section 4.6 (a) allows for a sole source without a competitive bid process for a product or service which is the only product or service that satisfies the department's operational requirements, usually because of a technological, specialized, or unique character, or proprietary nature.

Purchasing Policy Section 7.1 (C) requires Board approval for all purchases of goods/commodities with a total aggregate amount exceeding \$250,000. Therefore, the Board's approval is required to establish a blank purchase order (BPO) for asphalt purchases in the amount not to exceed \$300,000 for Fiscal Year 2024/25, distributed as needed between Vulcan Materials Company and Teichert.

**Item Initiated by:** John Veasey, Road Services Manager  
**Approved by:** George Schureck, Acting Director of Public Works