

COUNTY OF NEVADA

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ERIC ROOD ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER 950 MAIDU AVENUE NEVADA CITY, CA 95959-8600

DATE OF MEETING: March 10, 2015

SUBJECT: Approval to Solicit Requests for Qualifications for On-Call Materials Testing

and Construction Inspection Services for Various Capital Improvement

Projects and Road Maintenance Activities

RECOMMENDATION: Direct the Department of Public Works to release a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for On-Call Materials Testing and Construction Inspection.

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND:

Historically, the Department of Public Works had contracted for specialized materials testing to support the construction of projects in the Capital Improvement Plan. The contract was renewed or re-advertised annually for a maximum of five (5) years, and the contractor provided testing on a time and materials basis when directed by the County's construction staff.

In addition to specialized materials testing, staff had identified the need for on-call construction inspection services. In the past, the County has used in-house engineering staff to inspect construction projects. The ability to conduct inspection services is limited due to the size of engineering staff.

On March 9, 2010 the Board of Supervisors approved Resolution 10-088 approving solicitations of Request for Qualifications for On-Call Material Testing and Construction Inspection Services. The contract was awarded to Holdredge and Kull Consulting Engineers with the adoption of Resolution 10-219 on May 25, 2010 for fiscal year 2009/10. The contract has since been amended by resolutions for Fiscal Years 2010/11 through 2014/15. The existing contract will end on June 30, 2015.

The department is requesting permission to solicit Requests for Qualifications for On-Call Materials Testing and Construction Inspection Services. The contract, at the Board's discretion may be renewed annually for up to four additional years.

The use of contracted construction inspectors provides greater flexibility to respond to changes in construction schedules and meet inspection obligations. The contractors will be used on an asneeded basis, under the direction of the Department of Public Works.

Please contact me if additional information is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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