

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 5, 2021

AGENDA NO. 4

**PROPOSAL:** Execute a Contract to Install and Maintain Air Filtration Systems at School

**SYNOPSIS:** In December 2019, the Board recognized up to \$45,000 from General Fund to Air Filtration Fund (75) to execute a contract to install and maintain air filtration systems as part of a settlement with the State of California. The consent decree required ten years of filter replacements and identifying a small school in an Environmental Justice community within a 10-mile radius of South Coast AQMD headquarters. This action is to authorize the Chairman to execute a contract with Los Angeles Unified School District for installation and maintenance of air filtration systems at school(s) in an amount not to exceed \$45,000 from Air Filtration Fund (75).

**COMMITTEE:** Technology, October 15, 2021; Recommended for Approval

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Authorize the Executive Officer to execute a contract with the Los Angeles Unified School District for installation and maintenance of air filtration systems at a school in an amount not to exceed \$45,000 from the Air Filtration Fund (75).

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Executive Officer

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**Background**

In December 2019, the Board recognized up to \$45,000 from the General Fund into Air Filtration Fund (75) for administering a South Coast AQMD Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) per a consent decree with California Attorney General's Office (AG) for an air quality violation. The Board authorized the Chairman to execute a contract with IQAir North America to install and maintain an air filtration system at a

public school in an Environmental Justice (EJ) community to fulfill the requirements of the consent decree. The consent decree required South Coast AQMD to provide installation of an air filtration system and ten years of replacement filters at one school in an EJ community within a 10-mile radius of South Coast AQMD headquarters for a project budget of \$45,000. However, a school within 10 miles of South Coast AQMD and within project budget could not be identified. With the AG's concurrence, the search for a suitable school was expanded beyond the 10-mile radius, and the AG, South Coast AQMD and Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) identified Rosemont Early Education Center that is located in an EJ community and is in close proximity of freeway for the SEP that would be within the project budget. In the event that air filtration system installation is unable to be installed at Rosemont Early Education Center, LAUSD, in coordination with South Coast AQMD and the AG, will select another suitable school(s) in an EJ community that will not exceed the \$45,000 project budget.

### **Proposal**

LAUSD proposes to install and maintain air filtration systems for ten years in an Early Education Center. This action is to authorize the Executive Officer to execute a contract with LAUSD for installation and maintenance of air filtration systems at schools in an amount not to exceed \$45,000 from Air Filtration Fund (75).

### **Sole Source Justification**

Section VIII. B. 2 of the Procurement Policy and Procedure identifies four major provisions under which a sole source award may be justified. This request for a sole source award is made under provision B.2.c (1): The desired services are available from only the sole source based upon the unique experience and capabilities of the proposed contractor or contractor team. Because work will be conducted in-house, LAUSD is the only one that can provide installation and ten years of replacement filters within the project budget set forth in the consent decree.

### **Benefits to South Coast AQMD**

This project will reduce children's exposure to criteria and toxic pollutants and ultrafine PM. Health studies have determined that fine and ultrafine PM, including diesel PM, present the greatest air pollution health risk to sensitive receptors in EJ communities identified in the SEP agreement.

### **Resource Impacts**

Sufficient Funds are available in Air Filtration Fund (75) for the contract with LAUSD to install and maintain air filtration systems at schools.