

BOARD MEETING DATE: April 3, 2020

AGENDA NO. 24

PROPOSAL: Report of RFPs Scheduled for Release in April

SYNOPSIS: This report summarizes the RFPs for budgeted services over \$100,000 scheduled to be released for advertisement for the month of April.

COMMITTEE: No Committee Review

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Approve the release of RFPs for the month of April.

Wayne Nastri
Executive Officer

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Background

At the January 10, 2020 meeting, the Board approved a revised Procurement Policy and Procedure. Under the revised policy, RFPs for budgeted items over \$100,000, which follow the Procurement Policy and Procedure, no longer require individual Board approval. However, a monthly report of all RFPs over \$100,000 is included as part of the Board agenda package and the Board may, if desired, take individual action on any item. The report provides the title and synopsis of the RFP, the budgeted funds available, and the name of the Deputy Executive Officer/Asst. Deputy Executive Officer responsible for that item. Further detail including closing dates, contact information, and detailed proposal criteria will be available online at <http://www.aqmd.gov/grants-bids> following Board approval on April 3, 2020.

Outreach

In accordance with South Coast AQMD's Procurement Policy and Procedure, a public notice advertising the RFPs and inviting bids will be published in the Los Angeles Times, the Orange County Register, the San Bernardino Sun, and Riverside County's

Press Enterprise newspapers to leverage the most cost-effective method of outreach to the South Coast Basin.

Additionally, potential bidders may be notified utilizing South Coast AQMD's own electronic listing of certified minority vendors. Notice of the RFPs will be emailed to the Black and Latino Legislative Caucuses and various minority chambers of commerce and business associations and placed on the Internet at South Coast AQMD's website (<http://www.aqmd.gov>) where it can be viewed by making the selection "Grants & Bids."

Proposal Evaluation

Proposals received will be evaluated by applicable diverse panels of technically qualified individuals familiar with the subject matter of the project or equipment and may include outside public sector or academic community expertise.

Attachment

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(For detailed information visit South Coast AQMD's website at
<http://www.aqmd.gov/nav/grants-bids> following Board approval on April 3, 2020)

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OR SPECIAL TECHNICAL EXPERTISE

RFP#P2020-10	Issue Request for Proposal to Hire Outside Counsel	GILCHRIST/3459
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From time to time the South Coast AQMD requires the assistance of outside litigation counsel having expertise and experience in areas including, but not limited to, the California Environmental Quality Act, air quality laws, administrative law, the Brown Act, representation of government agencies, constitutional issues, Clean Air Act issues, and complex environmental litigation. A prequalified list was approved by the Governing Board in 2017. In addition, the Hearing Board occasionally requires the assistance of outside counsel for advice on these and related issues such as quasi-judicial hearings, the California Administrative Procedures Act, the California Fair Political Practices Act and constitutional issues related to air pollution law and jurisdiction of local agency hearing boards and for representation when its decisions are challenged in court proceedings. This RFP has two purposes: to solicit qualified law firms or sole practitioners in order to establish a prequalified list to last up to three years that General Counsel may use to represent the South Coast AQMD in ongoing and possible future litigation where outside counsel is required; and, to solicit qualified firms or sole practitioners to advise and represent the Hearing Board. General Counsel and the Hearing Board will use different firms to avoid conflicts of interest. The list will be valid for a three-year period.