Engineering, Operations, & Technology Committee

Professional Services Agreements

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Subject

Authorize agreements with HDR Inc., Tetra Tech, Geosyntec Consultants Inc., and Arcadis U.S. Inc., in amounts not to exceed $3 million each, in support of board-authorized Capital Investment Plan projects

Purpose

Provides flexibility to deliver capital projects expeditiously

Recommendation and Fiscal Impact

Authorize agreements for engineering, environmental, and IT services

Fiscal Impact – None

Budgeted

Professional Services Agreements

Staffing Strategy for Capital Projects

- Rely primarily on in-house labor
- Use consultants
  - When capital resource needs exceed available staffing levels
  - For specialized technical expertise/skills
- Supports planned increase for the upcoming biennium
- Funding available within Metropolitan's capital expenditure plan

Professional Services Agreements

Professional Services Agreements

- Project Specific Agreements
  - Used for projects with extended duration or larger scope
- On-Call Agreements
  - Typically utilized for short-term assignments, urgent projects, etc.
  - Allows for flexibility & expedited project delivery
  - Work is not guaranteed to consultants
- Approved individually by the Board over $250 K

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On-call Professional Service Agreements Summary

- On-Call Design Engineering Services
  - 14 On-call Agreements
- Environmental Site Assessment Services
  - 2 On-call Agreements
- IT Support Services
  - 24 On-call Agreements

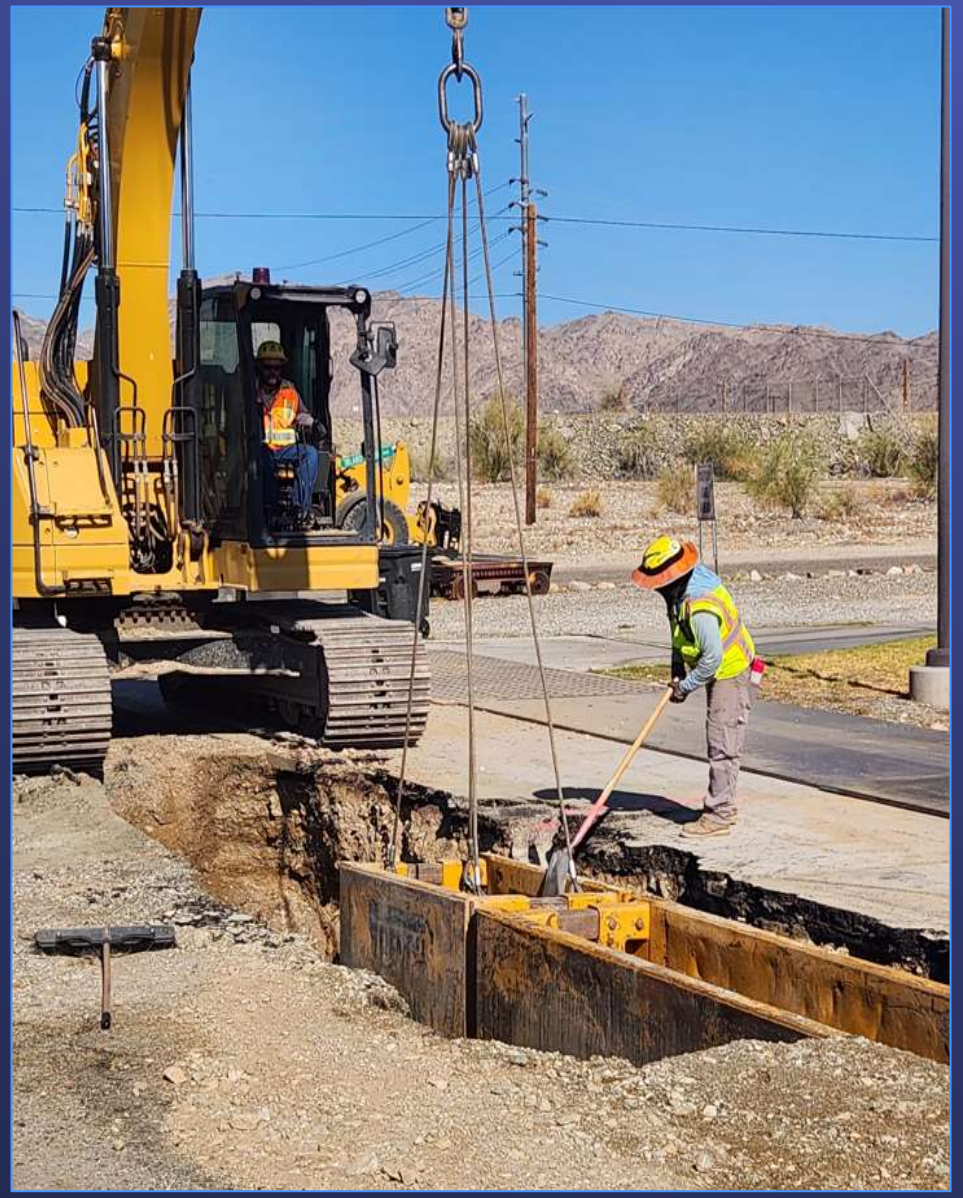
Example Projects

Professional Services Agreements

San Diego Canal

Radial Gate Replacements

San Diego Canal



Eagle Mtn. & Hinds Utility Replacement

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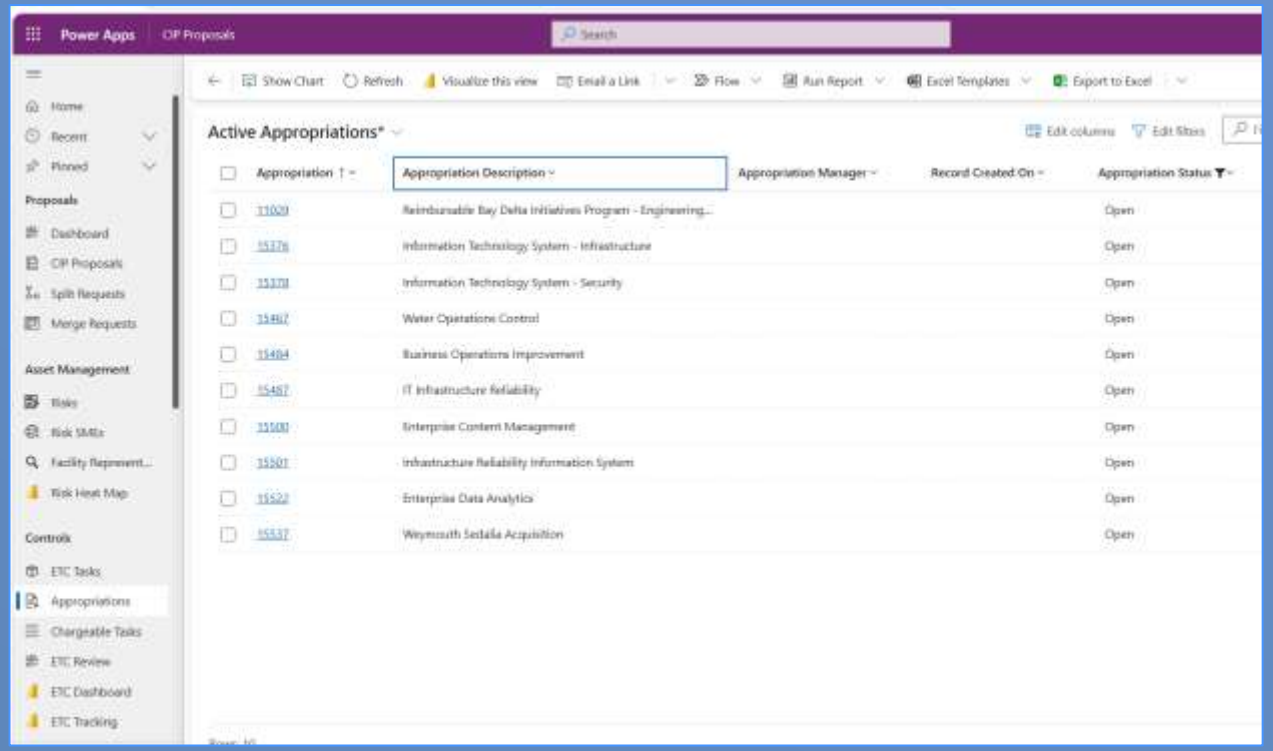
Example Projects

Environmental
Site Assessment Services

Diemer Filter Rehabilitation

IT Support Services

CIP Budget System Enhancements



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Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 1404

- Issued July 2025 to establish pool of qualified firms
- Two firms recommended for agreements at this time
- Services to be provided
  - Conceptual, preliminary & final designs
  - Specialized technical analyses
  - Support during bid, advertisement & construction
  - SBE participation level – 25%

Environmental Services On-call Agreements

Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 1416

- Issued July 2025 to establish pool of qualified firms
- One firm recommended for agreement at this time
- Services to be provided
  - Environmental site inspections
  - Monitoring of contractor remediation work
  - Prepare oversight abatement reports
  - SBE participation level – 25%

Information Technology Services
On-call Agreements

Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 1397

- Issued February 2025 to establish pool of qualified firms
- One firm recommended for agreement at this time
- Services to be provided
  - Application enhancements for cloud environment optimization
  - Advance smart technology utilization
  - Enhance web-based budget platform
  - SBE participation level – 25%

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Alternatives Considered

- Considered Alternative – Utilize project specific agreements
  - Increases administrative burden to manage multiple agreements
- Selected Alternative – Utilize on-call agreements for smaller projects
  - Streamlines administrative procedures & reduces costs
  - Allows timely completion of work

Board Options

- Option #1

  Authorize agreements with HDR Inc., Tetra Tech, Geosyntec Consultants Inc., and Arcadis U.S. Inc., in amounts not to exceed $3 million each, in support of board-authorized Capital Investment Plan projects.
- Option #2

  Do not authorize the consulting agreements at this time.

Staff Recommendation

- Option #1

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