

PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

SUBJECT

Engineering Selection for Program Management, Owner's Representative for Utility Infrastructure Development-RFS 41-25

BACKGROUND

EPWater seeks to engage a Program Manager to serve as the Owner's Representative for utility infrastructure development in the area north of Montana Avenue and east of Global Reach Boulevard. This area is located near the El Paso International Airport and Fort Bliss, is expected to experience significant growth requiring the coordinated design, permitting, and delivery of water, wastewater, and stormwater systems projects. The Owner's Representative will oversee program-level planning, scheduling, budgeting, and stakeholder coordination to ensure timely and cost-effective delivery of infrastructure projects.

PRIOR PSB ACTION

• None

UTILITY KPI ALIGNMENT

Infrastructure Performance

EVALUATION PROCESS

A Request for Submittal (RFS) was issued on May 25, 2025, for professional engineering services to support utility infrastructure development near El Paso International Airport and Fort Bliss. Four firms responded to the solicitation. The Architectural/Engineering (A/E) Selection Committee convened on July 9, 2025, to evaluate the proposals. Committee members included Bryan Morris, Charlie Intebi, Gilbert Trejo, Irazema Rojas, Felipe Lopez, Gisela Dagnino, Martin Noriega, and Jeff Tepsick. Based on a thorough review and scoring of qualifications and approach, Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. (Jacobs) was ranked the highest among the respondents. Staff met with Jacobs to discuss the scope of services. A fee proposal was submitted, reviewed, and successfully negotiated in accordance with the defined scope of work.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Sufficient funds are available in Account Number 4813 and 4814. This expenditure is part of the FY 2025-26 budget.

PROPOSED ACTION REQUESTED

Consider and award a professional engineering services contract for Program Management, Owner's Representative for Utility Infrastructure Development - RFS 41-25 services to Jacobs Engineering Group Inc., in the amount of \$499,571 and authorize future task orders or amendments to be issued under this contract for construction phase services in the estimated amount of \$1,500,000.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED

• A/E Selection Committee Ranking

RFS 41-25 PROGRAM MANAGEMENT, OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE FOR UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 AE SELECTION COMMITTEE RANKING

RANKING 1-4 1=Most Qualified; 4= Least Qualified

	Arcadis	H2O Terra	Huitt-Zollars	Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc.
AE Selection Committee 1	4	1	2	3
AE Selection Committee 2	2	4	3	1
AE Selection Committee 3	2	4	3	1
AE Selection Committee 4	2	3	4	1
AE Selection Committee 5	3	4	1	2
AE Selection Committee 6	3	4	2	1
AE Selection Committee 7	3	4	2	1
AE Selection Committee 8	1	4	3	2
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Sum of Ranking	<u>20</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>12</u>
Final Ranking	2	4	2	1

Claudia Lara, Contracts Development Coordinator

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