PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD MEETING
AGENDA ITEM
REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, November 10, 2026

SUBJECT

Engineering Selection for On-Call Geotechnical Services – RFQ 41-26

BACKGROUND

EPWater uses geotechnical engineering services for the geotechnical subsurface exploration and studies needed during design and materials testing for quality assurance during the construction of projects. Services needed under this on-call contract can include, but are not limited to, soil sampling and testing, groundwater study, soil corrosivity study, soil compaction testing, field densities, concrete and asphalt testing. This contract will assist in implementing water, wastewater, and stormwater projects.

PRIOR PSB ACTION

- On September 13, 2023, the Public Service Board (PSB) awarded five professional engineering services contracts for On-Call Geotechnical Services RFQ 55-23 for an amount not to exceed $1,000,000 for each firm with a term of three years.

UTILITY KPI ALIGNMENT

Infrastructure Performance

EVALUATION PROCESS

EPWater received nine Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) in response to RFQ 41-26. Seven firms were shortlisted by EPWater's Shortlist Committee. The Architectural/Engineering (A/E) Selection Committee met to review the qualifications and recommend the selection of engineering firms for these services. The A/E Selection Committee consisted of Hector Ocaranza, Bryan Morris, Charlie Intebi, Felipe Lopez, Gisela Dagnino and Martin Noriega. Proposals were evaluated in the areas of minimum qualifications, firm profile, proposed project team and team member experience, and past project experience.

The A/E Selection Committee recommends the selection of the following firms for PSB consideration: Atlas Technical Consultants LLC, CQC Testing and Engineering, L.L.C., HVJ Associates, Inc., Terracon Consultants, Inc., and WSP USA Inc. as the highest qualified firms that best meet the needs of the Utility for these engineering services and demonstrated excellent abilities in all evaluated categories.

The proposed firms are the most qualified. Staff requests approval of professional engineering services contracts for a maximum amount of $1,000,000 for each firm for a term of three years.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This expenditure is part of the approved budget.

PROPOSED ACTION REQUESTED

Consider and award professional engineering services contracts for On-Call Geotechnical Services – RFQ 41-26 to Atlas Technical Consultants LLC, CQC Testing and Engineering, L.L.C., HVJ Associates, Inc., Terracon Consultants, Inc., and WSP USA Inc. for an amount not to exceed $1,000,000 for each firm for a term of three years.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED

- A/E Selection Committee Ranking

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Wednesday, October 14, 2026
AE SELECTION COMMITTEE RANKING

RANKING 1-7 1=Most Qualified ; 7= Least Qualified

	Atlas Technical Consultants LLC	CQC Testing and Engineering, L.L.C.	ECS Southwest, LLP	HVJ Associates, Inc.	LEC Engineering, Inc.	Terracon Consultants, Inc.	WSP USA Inc.
AE Selection Committee 1	4	1	6	2	3	5	7
AE Selection Committee 2	6	1	7	2	5	3	4
AE Selection Committee 3	1	2	7	3	6	5	4
AE Selection Committee 4	7	1	6	4	5	3	2
AE Selection Committee 5	2	1	7	3	5	3	6
AE Selection Committee 6	5	1	7	4	3	5	2
AE Selection Committee 7							
AE Selection Committee 8							
Sum of Ranking	25	7	40	18	27	24	25
Final Ranking	4	1	7	2	6	3	4

Jaime Huerta 10/19/2026

Jaime Huerta, Business Contracts Manager

10/19/2026

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