



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
July 11, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
 Submitted by: Scott Ferris, Director, Parks Recreation & Waterfront
 Subject: Contract No. 32000188 Amendment: GSI Environmental Inc. for On-Call Environmental Consulting Services

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32000188 with GSI Environmental Inc. for on-call environmental consulting services to increase the contract amount by \$75,000 for a new not to exceed amount of \$225,000 and extend the contract term from December 20, 2023 to June 30, 2025.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

This on-call contract is approaching the currently authorized not-to-exceed amount. Additional funding of \$75,000 for this on-call contract is included in the FY 2023 and FY 2024 California Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program (SPP), Proposition 68 grant budget (Fund 336).

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Department of Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront (PRW) received \$5 million in CA SPP Proposition 68 grant funding to convert the former Santa Fe Right-of-Way from Blake Street to Ward Street into a new park. This project requires environmental services to remediate the contaminated soils left behind by its former railroad use. PRW selected GSI Environmental Inc. to provide the required environmental services for the project.

Additional services by GSI Environmental Inc. are needed for the Santa Fe Trackbed to Park Conversion project to complete existing tasks, add services based on requirements from the California Department of Toxic Substances Control, maintain the project's schedule, and meet the original grant project completion deadline of December 31, 2025. Staff recommends increasing the contract length to June 30, 2025 for GSI's scope of work for this project. This work is required in order to proceed with design and construction services of the Santa Fe Trackbed to Park Conversion project.

BACKGROUND

On July 24, 2019, the City issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for On-Call Environmental Consulting Services (Specification No. 19-11329-C). The City received Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) from 12 firms. After evaluation of the SOQs by the

review panel, GSI Environmental Inc., Wood Environment and Infrastructure Solutions, Inc., and Northgate Environmental Management Inc. were among the firms selected.

On April 21, 2020, Council authorized a contract for On-call Environmental consulting services with GSI Environmental Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the period November 1, 2019 through November 30, 2022 (Resolution No. 69,171-N.S.).

On December 12, 2022, the City Manager authorized an extension of the On-call Environmental consulting services contracts from November 30, 2022 to December 30, 2023.

This is a Citywide contract supporting multiple departments as needed to assist with ongoing environmental compliance, consulting needs for planned or ongoing projects, and for unanticipated environmental consulting needs.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

The services GSI Environmental Inc. provides will clean up the contaminants left behind by the former railroad that ran between Blake Street and Ward Street along Acton Street and allow the City to open a new park for all to safely enjoy and recreate. There are no identified climate impacts.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

GSI Environmental Inc. includes highly-qualified staff as previously evaluated through the City's contracting process. They have the required expertise in remediating former railroad sites, and complement the personnel and capacity available in the Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Departments to complete the Santa Fe Trackbed to Park Conversion project. City staff does not have the expertise to provide environmental consulting services.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None

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Attachments:

1: Resolution: GSI Environmental Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT NO. 32000188 FOR ON-CALL ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES BY GSI ENVIRONMENTAL INC.

WHEREAS, on July 24, 2019 by Resolution No. 69,171-N.S. the City Council authorized Contract No. 32000188 with GSI Environmental Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for on-call environmental consulting services for various citywide services and needs through November 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2022, the City Manager authorized the extension of the on-call contract from November 30, 2022 to December 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, City staff does not have the expertise to provide environmental consulting services; and

WHEREAS, the current contract not to exceed amount has been depleted and the City has need of GSI Environmental Inc's continued environmental consulting services through June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, additional funding of \$75,000 for this on-call contract is included in the FY 2023 and FY 2024 California Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program (SPP), Proposition 68 grant budget (Fund 336).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32000188 with GSI Environmental Inc. for environmental consulting services increasing the amount by \$75,000 for a revised contract amount not to exceed \$225,000, and extending the contract to June 30, 2025.

