

Exhibit to Agenda Item #4

Discuss authorizing the Chief Executive Officer and General Manager to negotiate and award contracts to **Aspen Environmental Group, AECOM Technical Services, Inc., Ascent Environmental, Inc., and GEI Consultants, Inc.** (collectively, the **Contracts**) to provide Environmental and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) support services for a three-year period from April 27, 2026, to April 26, 2029, with one optional two-year extension for a total contract aggregate not-to-exceed amount of \$12 million for the **Contracts**.

Board Finance & Audit Committee and Special SMUD Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, April 14, 2026, scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m.
SMUD Headquarters Building, Auditorium

Action Request

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer and General Manager to award contracts to: Aspen Environmental Group, AECOM Technical Services, Inc., Ascent Environmental, Inc., and GEI Consultants, Inc. for Environmental and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Support Services

- Each contract term: April 27, 2026, to April 26, 2029, with an option to extend for an additional two years
- Total Contract Amount not-to-exceed aggregate of \$12,000,000
- Time and materials contract

Business Need

- Provide support to SMUD's Environmental Services Department
 - Environmental Review (CEQA and NEPA)
 - Biological and cultural resource surveys
 - Permitting
 - Construction monitoring
 - Invasive mussel monitoring
 - Avian and Bat Mortality Monitoring at Wind Projects



Procurement Strategy



RFP Process

- Award to 4 contractors
- Initial 3-year period, with option to extend each contract for one two-year extension

Scoring Matrix

- 7 Proposals received; 5 met the minimum technical point requirement of 44 points out of 55 (80%)
- Standard 10% SEED program evaluation points for the 4 selected contractors

Background Information

Proposed Contract \$12,000,000 over 3 years

- Option to extend each contract for one two-year period

Aspen, AECOM, Ascent, and GEI selected from 7 proposals

- Provide the broad technical expertise needed and requested in the RFP
- Highest evaluation scores (proposals)
- Full SEED Participation

Selected firms will bid competitively for proposed tasks that exceed \$50,000



Procurement Award Outcome

Responsive Proposals	P/F	SEED	Technical	Price	Total	Rank	Proposal Amount	SEED Credit	Evaluated Proposal Amount	Proposed Award
		10	55	35	100					
Aspen Environmental Group	P	10	52.25	35	97.25	1	\$2,481,317	\$124,066	\$2,357,251	NTE \$12,000,000 Aggregate of all Task Authorizations
AECOM Technical Services	P	10	51.88	27.15	89.02	2	\$3,163,205	\$124,066	\$3,039,139	
Ascent Environmental	P	10	51.13	25.43	86.55	3	\$3,368,825	\$124,066	\$3,244,759	
GEI Consultants	P	10	48.25	27.98	86.23	4	\$3,072,970	\$124,066	\$2,948,904	
SWCA	P	10	44.38	21.48	76.21	5	\$3,902,345	\$124,066	\$3,778,279	

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