



CITY OF LONG BEACH

R-55

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

333 West Ocean Boulevard • Long Beach, CA 90802

June 20, 2006

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Plans and Specifications No. R-6694 for the Annual Contract for Municipal Separate Storm Drain System Maintenance and Repair Services, authorize the City Manager to award the contract to United Storm Water, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000, for a one-year term, and execute amendments to the agreements, relative to the extension of the term, for up to four, one-year terms, authorize additional services, if required, within the provisions of the agreement, and adjust the fee schedule of hourly and line-item rates for inflation. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

Pursuant to the Clean Water Act provision 40 CFR 122.26(d)(2) and the City's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit issued by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (LARWQCB), the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) is required to be maintained on a regular basis in order to reduce the discharges of pollutants in storm water to the maximum extent practicable.

The City's storm drain is made up of 185.5 miles of pipes, culverts, channels, ditches and drains, over 3,100 catch basins and 23 pump stations. Maintenance services consist of cleaning and repairing pump stations, storm drains, catch basins and the inspection of storm drain pipes.

On October 8, 2003, the Department of Public Works entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Long Beach Water Department regarding the City's storm drain system. In this MOU, the City took back full ownership of the storm drain system and the responsibility for operation, maintenance and repair. The MOU specified that the City may contract out this maintenance responsibility and may, pursuant to the MOU, request such services from the Water Department. Subsequently, a Notice to Proceed (NTP) was issued by the City Engineer to the Long Beach Water Department for operation, maintenance and repair. At the request of the Water Department, in June 2004 Public Works took over the maintenance of the City's open channel element of the system through the use of contractors. This maintenance work, in addition to other items that the Water Department has indicated should be done by the City, is included in this contract. The contract is set up for various maintenance services that may be utilized on an as-needed

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basis to provide a backup for services provided by the Water Department, or in the event that additional services are needed due to inclement weather.

City Council adoption of the Plans and Specifications and award of the contract to the lowest responsible bidder are being recommended concurrently to expedite the maintenance implementation. The project was advertised for bids on March 31, 2006, and bids were opened on April 26, 2006. Information regarding the bid and United Storm Water, Inc., is provided on the attached contract awards document.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Lisa Peskay Malmsten on May 31, 2006, and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on June 12, 2006.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is requested on June 20, 2006, to authorize commencement of this contract.

FISCAL IMPACT

The contract award is for an estimated as-needed amount of \$1,000,000 with a term of one year. Historically, \$600,000 to \$700,000, reimbursed by the General Fund is spent through the Water Department and outside contractors on maintaining the storm drain system. An additional amount of \$300,000 to \$400,000 is also expended on the utilities (e.g., electricity) to operate the system. The additional contract authority is requested, should the City experience a heavy rain year that would require additional maintenance services of the storm drain system. Sufficient funds to cover the contract are budgeted in the General Fund (GP) in the Department of Public Works (PW).

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



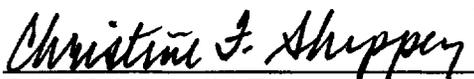
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