



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Julia R. Bueren, Public Works Director/Chief Engineer
Date: March 10, 2015

Subject: Execute a contract with Nichols Consulting Engineers, CHTD (dba NCE) to provide on-call environmental services, Countywide.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Public Works Director, or designee, to execute a contract with Nichols Consulting Engineers, CHTD d/b/a NCE in the amount not to exceed \$350,000 to provide on-call environmental services for the period beginning March 10, 2015 through February 28, 2018, Countywide. Project No.: Various. (48% Contra Costa County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Funds, 48% Local Road and Transportation Funds, and 4% Airport Project Funds)

FISCAL IMPACT:

48% Contra Costa County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Funds, 48% Local Road and Transportation Funds, and 4% Airport Project Funds.

BACKGROUND:

Contra Costa County Public Works Department (Public Works) builds and maintains road infrastructure in unincorporated Contra Costa County (County), flood control infrastructure within formed drainage areas throughout the County, and operates two airports (in Concord and Byron). Typical projects include new construction, maintenance and improvements of existing public infrastructure facilities, including but not limited to, roadways, airports,

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **03/10/2015** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I
Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II
Supervisor
Mary N. Piepho, District III
Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV
Supervisor

ABSENT: Federal D. Glover, District V
Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: March 10, 2015

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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bridges, flood control basins and drainages.

As a public agency, projects must comply with a number of federal, state, and local environmental regulations, including but not limited to Federal Highway Administration / California Department of Transportation

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

Requirements, National Environmental Policy Act, National Historical Preservation Act, California Environmental Quality Act, Federal Clean Water Act, Federal and state Endangered Species Acts, Porter-Cologne Water Quality Act, East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation/Natural Community Conservation Plan, as well as with other responsible agency protocols, guidelines, and regulations.

After a solicitation process, this firm was selected as one of eight firms to provide on-call environmental services and is pre-qualified so Public Works may solicit and contract with the firm for anticipated project-specific contracts to assist Public Works environmental staff with obtaining environmental clearances. Environmental compliance services include, but are not limited to, assessment of potential project impacts, documentation of the findings and recommended measures to avoid, minimize, and mitigate potential impacts, and construction monitoring to ensure compliance with applicable environmental regulations and agency permit conditions. On-call environmental services contracts and the pre-qualified shortlist will be valid for three (3) years.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If the Contract is not approved, necessary on-call environmental clearances may not be completed in a timely manner and necessary environmental clearances may not be obtained, which may jeopardize funding and delay design and construction of various flood control, road, and airport projects.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

Not applicable.