

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: *Authorize contracts with five firms for on-call environmental site investigation services in the not-to-exceed amount of \$250,000 for each contract. (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The purpose of this legislation is to authorize contracts with five firms to provide environmental site investigations involving soil, groundwater, air, surface water, sediment, and other media sampling, remediation, monitoring, and environmental construction oversight services on an as-needed basis.

The Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) Coordinated Site Analysis (CSA) Program provides site assessment services not only for BES but also for other City Bureaus including Water, Transportation, Parks, Fire, and OMF. BES and various other City bureaus have several program areas involved in construction and maintenance of City infrastructure, construction and demolition of City facilities, acquisition of land, management of contaminated media, and evaluation of contaminated sites. Some project examples are sewer pipe installation/replacement/rehab, street improvements, waterline installation/replacement, construction of water quality facilities and treatment plant expansion, pipeline sighting, and stream restorations associated with 404 permitting. BES's CSA team provides environmental services in support of the projects described above. These services are also provided for Brownfield projects. Current need for these services exceeds available CSA staff resources or licenses or certifications are not held by CSA personnel.

Environmental on-call contracts are thought to be the most efficient with several consultants available on a rotating basis because:

- It provides for rapid initiation of work
- spreads the work equitably to the qualifying firms and gives them a sense of the anticipated workloads
- It is a significant opportunity for local, small, minority, and women owned business to perform necessary environmental work for the City.

These on-call services are instrumental in reducing time and money spent for emergencies that arise during City projects. During construction, it is not uncommon to encounter unanticipated contaminated media, underground storage tanks, and/or other types of environmental issues.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

- This legislation authorizes five contracts for services to be provided on an as-needed basis. Each contract has a not-to-exceed limit of \$250,000.
- There is no additional cost of this legislation. All costs are associated with CIP, operating, and grant funded projects.

Community impacts and community involvement:

- Prior to receipt of proposals, CSA staff partnered with BES Contracting Outreach staff to conduct an informational meeting at the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs (OAME) offices to encourage the participation of Minority/Women/Emerging Small Business (M/W/ESB) firms on these contracts.
- Two of the five contracts were awarded to M/W/ESB certified firms, Cascadia Associates and Northwest Geotech. The participation of M/W/ESB firms as prime and subconsultants on these contracts equals an

