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SUBJECT: RFQ NO. 2023-135 - ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TESTING AND GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES - FACILITIES MANAGEMENT - VARIOUS VENDORS - EXERCISE FIRST OPTION FOR RENEWAL - SAME CONTRACT TERMS

***** CONSENT AGENDA *****

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve renewal of RFQ No. 2023-135, Annual Contract for Construction Materials Testing and Geotechnical Engineering Services, for the first optional twelve (12) month period at the same contract terms, to the following vendors:

Alliance Geotechnical Group, Inc.
UES Professional Solutions 44, LLC (*formerly Alpha Testing, LLC*)
Terracon Consultants, Inc.

BACKGROUND

On October 3, 2023, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #141886, awarded RFQ No. 2023-135, Annual Contract for Construction Materials Testing and Geotechnical Engineering Services, for Facilities Management, to the following vendors at the per contract terms:

Alliance Geotechnical Group, Inc.
Alpha Testing, LLC
Fugro USA Land, Inc.
Terracon Consultants, Inc.

The awards were based upon each firm's high ranking in the qualification procedure as outlined in the RFQ specifications and contained options to renew for three (3) additional twelve (12) month periods.

This contract is utilized for construction materials testing and geotechnical engineering services for various projects. Construction materials testing includes plan review, pier inspection, soil testing, concrete sampling and testing, pre-cast concrete observations, structural steel inspection, reinforcing steel inspection, and masonry inspection. Geotechnical engineering includes field investigation, laboratory investigation, engineering services, analysis, and reports.

Tarrant County received notification on March 12, 2024, from Fugro USA Land, Inc. of the sale of their assets relating to the geotechnical testing and certifying construction materials and methods business to Raba Kistner, Inc. effective November 17, 2023. Raba Kistner, Inc. submitted a response to the original RFQ and was not selected for award.

SUBMITTED BY:	Purchasing	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Gwen Peterson, C.P.M., A.P.P. Chris Lax, CPSM, CPSD, CPCP
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The remaining vendors notified Purchasing in writing that they will extend the same contract terms through September 7, 2025. Facilities Management notified Purchasing in writing that they are pleased with the remaining vendors and want to renew.

Additionally, in a letter dated April 11, 2024, UES Professional Solutions 44, LLC (formerly Alpha Testing, LLC) notified Purchasing in writing of the acquisition and vendor name change from Alpha Testing, LLC to UES Professional Solutions 44, LLC effective January 4, 2024, and that UES Professional Solutions 44, LLC will honor all terms and conditions in the original contract. Alpha Testing, LLC was acquired to service the Texas region with UES. The service locations, staff, and tax ID numbers remain the same.

Therefore, it is the joint recommendation of Facilities Management and Purchasing that the Commissioners Court approve renewal of RFQ No. 2023-135, Annual Contract for Construction Materials Testing and Geotechnical Engineering Services, for another twelve (12) month period.

FISCAL IMPACT

Expenses for last year were approximately \$50,398.00. The County's future cost will be determined by the services provided on an as-needed basis. Funding is available in the following accounts:

45100-2024 Non-Debt Capital Fund/Various Cost Centers /569011 Professional Services
26100-2024 Road and Bridge/Various Cost Centers/558075 Soil Lab Test and 569011 Professional Services