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**SUBJECT: RFQ NO. 2023-135 - ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TESTING AND GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES - FACILITIES MANAGEMENT - VARIOUS VENDORS - PER CONTRACT TERMS**

### **COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED**

It is requested that the Commissioners Court grant approval to conduct negotiations for RFQ No. 2023-135, Annual Contract for Construction Materials Testing and Geotechnical Engineering Services, for Facilities Management, with the following vendors based upon each vendor's qualifications in the evaluation procedure at the per contract terms:

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

### **BACKGROUND**

Notice of the County's intent to request for qualifications was advertised in local newspapers, as required by State statute, and posted on the Internet, the Arlington Black Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce, and the Tarrant County Asian American Chamber of Commerce. Two hundred four (204) vendors were contacted and requested to participate in this process. All documents pertaining to this RFQ were posted on the Tarrant County website and were downloaded by interested parties. A pre-qualification conference held on May 31, 2023 was attended by eleven (11) vendors as well as representatives from Facilities Management and Purchasing. Twelve (12) responses were received.

Responses were evaluated by Facilities Management and Purchasing representatives and ranked based on the criteria and processes set forth in the RFQ. The responses from the vendors listed above meet all specifications and are acceptable to Facilities Management.

Geotechnical engineering services include the drilling and analysis of soil samples on a potential construction site. From this analysis of the geotechnical characteristics of the soil bearing capacities and strata, the Geotechnical Engineer provides a Geotechnical Report with recommendations to the Structural and Civil Engineers for the ideal building foundation designs for piers, grade beams, floor slabs, and paving profile designs for sidewalks, streets, and parking lots. Material testing during construction ensures that site compaction, foundation drilling, concrete mixes, reinforcing steel, paving, masonry, and structural steel welds comply with the Geotechnical Report, the Structural Design, the project specifications and all applicable codes and standards.

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The term of the contract is twelve (12) months, effective September 8, 2023, with two (2) options for renewal periods of twelve (12) months each.

Therefore, based upon each vendor's high ranking in the evaluation procedure, it is the joint recommendation of Facilities Management and Purchasing that the Commissioners Court grant approval to engage in negotiations for RFQ No. 2023-135, Annual Contract for Construction Materials Testing and Geotechnical Engineering Services, with the vendors listed above at the per contract terms.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Expenses for last year were approximately \$81,013.00. The County's future costs will be determined by the services provided on an as-needed basis. The department has included funding in the FY24 budget request.