

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR SLUDGE DE-WATERING AND ELECTRIC BLOWER EQUIPMENT

SOURCE: Public Works Department - Engineering Division

COMMENT: On October 4, 2011, Council awarded a design contract to AECOM to prepare plans and specifications for the purchase and installation of a sludge de-watering machine and for the removal and replacement of three gas driven air blowers with electric blowers. AECOM has prepared specifications and an analysis matrix for the sludge de-watering machine and for electric blower equipment. These documents are reserved in the La Barca Room for Council's review. Staff requests that City Council approve the specifications and analysis matrix and that the City Council authorize staff to advertise for the "pre-selection" of these two pieces of equipment.

Pre-selecting the equipment will allow the design consultant (AECOM) to focus on one manufacturer for each of the two pieces of equipment and will allow the engineer to complete equipment installation (construction) documents sooner than later. The process moving forward will follow these general guidelines:

1. Advertise for the pre-selection of sludge de-watering equipment and for the pre-selection of electric blower equipment.
2. Equipment Manufacturers review project specifications, complete Analysis Matrix and submit their proposal.
3. Matrices are reviewed and analyzed by AECOM. AECOM provides recommendation to City on pre-selection of a sludge de-watering machine and electric blower equipment.
4. Staff prepares a Council item requesting authorization to present a "Notice of Pre-Selection" to the successful equipment manufacturers of the sludge de-watering machine and three electric blowers. The pre-selection notice will inform the manufacturers that the purchase of the equipment shall be at the price quoted in their proposal and shall be assigned to a General Contractor to be selected at a later date.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Approve the Project Specifications and Analysis Matrix for the Sludge De-Watering Machine and the Electric Blowers; and
2. Authorize Staff to advertise for "pre-selection" of a sludge de-watering machine and for the "pre-selection" of three electric blowers.