



# REPORT TO COUNCIL City of Sacramento

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Consent  
April 27, 2010

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

**Title:** Agreements for On-call Construction Management Services

**Location/Council District:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Adopt a **Resolution** authorizing the City Manager to sign Professional Services Agreements to provide construction management services for City construction projects on an on-call basis with 1) Vali Cooper & Associates, Inc, 2) Psomas, and 3) Salabar Associates, Inc., each for an amount not-to-exceed \$200,000.

**Contact:** David L. Brent, Engineering Services Manager, 808-1420; Brett Grant, Supervising Engineer, 808-1413

**Presenters:** None

**Department:** Utilities

**Division:** Engineering Services

**Organization No:** 14001321

## **Description/Analysis**

**Issue:** Agreements for on-call construction management services are necessary for timely construction inspection of capital improvement projects during periods of peak workload. The three firms recommended for agreement approval were selected as the three top ranked firms through a RFP process.

**Policy Considerations:** The proposed action is consistent with the Sacramento City Code, Title 3 and is consistent with the City's strategic goal to achieve sustainability by implementing strategies to improve overall operational efficiency and customer service without expending additional City resources. Staff has documented that Vali Cooper & Associates, Inc, Psomas, and Salabar Associates Inc. have valid insurance policies in place as required.

**Environmental Considerations:**

**California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):**


Ongoing administrative activities of this nature do not constitute a "project" and are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15378(b)(2) of the CEQA guidelines. The environmental review required for individual capital improvement projects that require construction management services will be performed prior to the City's project approval, as required by CEQA.

**Rationale for Recommendation:** The Department of Utilities and other Departments utilize on-call construction management consultants to assure construction compliance with specifications and standards during periods of peak workload. These agreements are "on-call" and consultants may be utilized if City staff is not able to provide the necessary inspection services in a timely manner. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was advertised, eleven proposals were evaluated and the three highest ranked firms were selected to provide these services.

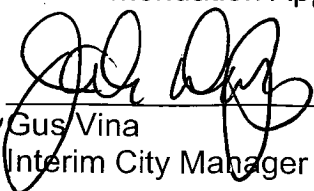
**Financial Considerations:** Each Agreement for on-call construction management services is for a not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000. The cost expended under these agreements will be provided for in the budget for each capital improvement project for which services are provided.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** Salabar Associates is a certified Small Business Enterprise (SBE). Psomas and Vali Cooper & Associates are not certified SBEs, but both have pledged to meet the City's 20% Emerging and Small Business Enterprise (E/SBE) participation goal.

Respectfully Submitted by:   
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Approved by:   
Marty Hanneman, Director of Utilities

Recommendation Approved:

  
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Interim City Manager

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**Attachment 1**

**Background:**

On-call agreements are utilized to provide Construction management services to augment staff during peak workloads. The Department of Utilities recently has received approximately 22.6 million dollars in federal funding for the purposes of water meter retrofits. Due to this influx of funding, construction projects have stretched the resources of the Department’s construction management team. The Department currently is utilizing three construction inspectors and one resident engineer from the Department of Transportation. With two large diameter sewer replacement projects out to bid, several large water transmission main replacement projects in construction and 14 contracts to install water meters, the Department needs to have these agreements for on-call construction management services in place to stay ahead of construction.

The Department of Utilities advertised a Request for Proposals for on-call construction management services for the 2010 and 2011 construction seasons. The following eleven firms submitted proposals:

FIRM	ESBE
Salabar Associates, Inc.	Yes
Psomas	No
Vali Cooper & Associates, Inc.	No
Nolte	No
West Yost Associates	No
Harris and Associates	No
RFB Consulting	No
4 Leaf, Inc.	No
Consolidated CM, Inc.	Yes
Hatch Mott McDonald	No
California Trouble Shooters	Yes

A panel of City staff from the Departments of Utilities, Transportation, and General Services evaluated and ranked the proposals based on experience, technical expertise and ESBE utilization. To accommodate the projected workload, Utilities has negotiated agreements with the three highest ranked firms: Vali Cooper & Associates, Inc., Psomas, and Salabar Associates, Inc...

These agreements are “on-call” and consultants may be utilized if City staff is not able to provide the necessary inspection services in a timely manner. Consultants may provide services on one large project or a number of medium sized projects during the term of the agreement, which will extend to June 30, 2012. Each agreement will be subject to a not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000 during the agreement term.

The Department of Utilities will continue to coordinate construction management needs with other Departments and utilize “on loan” staff to minimize the use of consultant staff. Utilities will also allow other Departments to utilize services under these agreements if needed to help them manage their construction management needs.

**Attachment 2**

**RESOLUTION NO.**  
Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**AGREEMENTS FOR ON-CALL CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

**BACKGROUND**

- A. The Department of Utilities utilizes on-call construction management consultants to assure construction compliance with specifications and standards during periods of peak workload. These agreements are “on-call” and consultants may be utilized if City staff is not able to provide the necessary inspection services in a timely manner.
- B. In February, 2010, the Department of Utilities issued a Request for Proposals for on-call construction management services. Eleven firms submitted proposals, and Vali Cooper & Associates, Inc., Psomas, and Salabar Associates, Inc. were selected as the three top ranked firms.

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1. The City Manager is authorized to sign a Professional Services Agreement for on-call construction management services with Vali Cooper & Associates, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$200,000.
- Section 2. The City Manager is authorized to sign a Professional Services Agreement for on-call construction management services with Psomas for an amount not to exceed \$200,000.
- Section 3. The City Manager is authorized to sign a Professional Services Agreement for on-call construction management services with Salabar Associates, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$200,000.