



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
July 29, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager
Submitted by: Terrance Davis, Director, Public Works
Subject: Contract: Aurora Environmental Services Inc., GSI Environmental Inc., Northgate Environmental Management Inc., and WSP Global Inc. for On-Call Environmental Consulting

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt four Resolutions authorizing the City Manager to:

1. Execute a three-year contract and any amendments with Aurora Environmental Services Inc. to provide on-call environmental consulting at various City facilities and locations for a total not to exceed amount of \$50,000 for an initial three-year term from August 1, 2025, to August 1, 2028, with an option of two one-year extensions for a maximum term of five years. The service rates will be adjusted annually in accordance with the Consumer Price Index and the provisions of the agreement.
2. Execute a three-year contract and any amendments with GSI Environmental Inc. to provide on-call environmental consulting at various City facilities and locations for a total not to exceed amount of \$50,000 for an initial three-year term from August 1, 2025, to August 1, 2028, with an option of two one-year extensions for a maximum term of five years. The service rates will be adjusted annually in accordance with the Consumer Price Index and the provisions of the agreement.
3. Execute a three-year contract and any amendments with Northgate Environmental Management Inc. to provide on-call environmental consulting at various City facilities and locations for a total not to exceed amount of \$75,000 for an initial three-year term from August 1, 2025, to August 1, 2028, with an option of two one-year extensions for a maximum term of five years. The service rates will be adjusted annually in accordance with the Consumer Price Index and the provisions of the agreement.
4. Execute a three-year contract and any amendments with WSP Global Inc. to provide on-call environmental consulting at various City facilities and locations for a total not to exceed amount of \$325,000 for an initial three-year term from August 1, 2026, to August 1, 2029, with an option of two one-year extensions for

a maximum term of five years. The service rates will be adjusted annually in accordance with the Consumer Price Index and the provisions of the agreement.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The execution of all contracts for on-call environmental consulting will not exceed a total of \$500,000. Annual expenditures are anticipated to be approximately \$165,000. Funding in the amount of \$500,000 is available in FY2026 adopted budget in Zero Waste Fund 601. This funding will cover scheduled mandatory environmental sampling and reporting.

Additional costs may include recommending environmental practices that lower potential liability and general improvements concerning compliance with applicable regulations. Funding for future years is subject to Council's approval of the proposed citywide budget for Fiscal Years 2027- 2028.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The City requires multiple contractors to provide environmental services at various City locations on an as-needed basis. Contractors need to demonstrate the experience, qualifications, and capacity to conduct environmental sampling and report their findings, as well as provide recommendations for maintaining regulatory compliance. In addition, contractors need to be able to respond to unanticipated events such as phantom underground storage tanks, suspicious liquids or soil contamination, and assist with Phase I/II Environmental Site Assessments should the City purchase or sell property. Additionally, they will support compliance with the Industrial and Municipal Stormwater Permits.

The City outsources certain environmental services to ensure that work is done by certified contractors with the appropriate expertise and to assist the City's limited inhouse resources. The previous On-Call Environmental contracts with Northgate Environmental Management and GSI, Inc. have reached their maximum term, and new contracts must be executed. Not executing a new contract will lead to non-compliance and subsequent fines and possible site closures.

On February 27, 2025, the City released Request for Proposal (RFP) #25-116707-C for on-call environmental consulting services. The solicitation was open for fifty-four days and seven responses were received. The evaluation criteria used to rate the proposals were as follows: Project Approach (30%), Expertise and References (15%), Cost (25%), and Ability to Perform Scope (30%).

As a result of the competitive proposal solicitation that was held for providing on-call environmental consulting services to various city locations and facilities, Aurora Environmental Services Inc., GSI Environmental Inc., Northgate Environmental

Management Inc., and WSP Global Inc. were determined to be the most responsive and responsible bidders. These companies provided proposals with competitive pricing and were found to have outstanding references.

The On-Call Environmental Consulting Contract is aligned with the City's Strategic Plan Priorities to advance state-of-the-art, well-maintained infrastructure, amenities, and facilities, and to be a global leader in protecting the environment.

BACKGROUND

The City Transfer Station at 1201 Second Street collects refuse, construction and demolition debris, green waste, and other materials from the public and is operated by Public Works. The Recycling Center at 669 Gilman Street processes recyclables from the community and is operated by the Community Conservation Center. Both sites operate under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Industrial Stormwater Permit. The stormwater must be sampled during storm events as per regulatory requirements. This is not a service that can be done by Public Works as staff do not have the appropriate materials, equipment, or training. The City requires a contractor that can provide sampling services in addition to recommendations and implementation of best management practices.

In addition, various other environmental consulting services, including defensive environmental practices that lower potential liability and general recommendations concerning compliance with applicable regulations, as well as other general environmental consulting services are required to be "on-call." This supports Citywide environmental compliance, and the contracted vendors will be utilized by multiple departments.

Multiple contractors are needed due to the need to address issues immediately and the unpredictability of when contamination is found or suspected at City facilities. For planned projects, having multiple vendors already under contract allows the City to get quote for the work and proceed with the most qualified and competitive price.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

State and federal requirements for environmental compliance and sustainability are put in place to ensure minimal environmental impact from City activities. Failure to monitor the environmental conditions of City sites could result in contamination of surface or groundwaters through stormwater runoff. Public Works addresses this through contracting with vendors like Aurora Environmental Services Inc., GSI Environmental Inc., Northgate Environmental Management Inc., and WSP Global Inc.

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RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The City does not have staff, equipment, or appropriate training certifications to ensure state and federal environmental compliance. Selecting a contractor ensures that compliance issues are met and the City avoids fines and fees for non-compliance.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

No other alternative actions were considered due to the need for compliance. The City went out to bid, exercised due diligence in evaluating the bids and satisfied the competitive process. Not executing contracts results in compliance issues and subsequent fines.

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Attachments:

- 1: Resolution
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RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

CONTRACT: AURORA ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INC. FOR ON-CALL ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING

WHEREAS, environmental consulting services are critical for regulatory compliance at various City locations; and

WHEREAS, the City does not have appropriately trained and certified staff to perform these services at these sites, which an outside vendor has traditionally served; and

WHEREAS, no City employees are displaced by this contract; and

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2025, the City released RFP #25-116707-C for on-call environmental consulting services. The solicitation was open for fifty-four days and the City received seven responses; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the competitive proposal solicitation that was held for providing on-call environmental consulting services to various city locations and facilities, Aurora Environmental Services Inc., GSI Environmental Inc., Northgate Environmental Management Inc., and WSP Global Inc. were determined to be the most responsive and responsible bidders; and

WHEREAS, funding in the amount of \$50,000 for the contract is available in FY 2026 adopted budget in Zero Waste Fund 601; and

WHEREAS, additional funding for unforeseen emergency expenses or planned projects will be appropriated as part of the budget process; and

WHEREAS, funding for budget allocations for future fiscal years are subject to adoption of the budget by the City Council.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Aurora Environmental Services Inc. to provide on-call environmental consulting services at various city facilities and locations for a total not to exceed amount of \$50,000 with an initial three-year term from August 1, 2025, to August 1, 2028, with an option of two one-year extensions for a maximum term of five years.

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CONTRACT: GSI ENVIRONMENTAL INC. FOR ON-CALL ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING

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CONTRACT: NORTHGATE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT INC. FOR ON-CALL ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING

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WHEREAS, funding for future fiscal years will be appropriated as part of the annual budget process.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Northgate Environmental Management Inc. to provide on-call environmental consulting services at various city facilities and locations for a total not to exceed amount of \$75,000 with an initial three-year term from August 1, 2025 to August 1, 2028 with an option of two one-year extensions for a maximum term of five years.

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CONTRACT: WSP GLOBAL INC. FOR ON-CALL ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with WSP Global Inc. to provide on-call environmental consulting services at various city facilities and locations for a total not to exceed amount of \$325,000 with an initial three-year term from August 1, 2026 to August 1, 2029 with an option of two one-year extensions for a maximum term of five years.

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Abstract of Bid Worksheet

Finance Department
General Services Division

FOR: ON-CALL ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING

Spec.

DATE:

	Bidders	Local Vendor	WC	NF	OS	SC	LW	EBO
1	Northgate Environmental Mgmt Inc.		x	x	x	x	x	x
2	Weber, Hayes and Assoc. (WHA)		x	x	x	x		
3	Aurora Environmental Services		x	x	x	x	x	x
4	GSI Environmental		x	x	x	x		
5	Millenium Consulting Assoc.		x	x	x	x	x	x
6	Teraphase Engineering		x	x	x	x		
7	WSP		x	x	x	x	x	x
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Bid Recorder:

Roop Soorma *RSoorma*

DATE 04/22/2025

Bid Opener:

Sherri Degnan *Sherri Degnan*

DATE 04/28/2025

Project Manager:

Robert Hernandez

DATE 05/01/2025

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