



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
October 28, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager
Submitted by: Terrance Davis, Public Works Director
Subject: Contracts: Interface Engineering, Inc. and Salas O'Brien Engineers, Inc. for On-Call Electrical Engineering Services

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt two Resolutions authorizing the City Manager to execute contracts and any amendments with the following firms for on-call electrical engineering services for capital improvement projects, each for a period of November 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028:

- 1. Interface Engineering, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$150,000.
- 2. Salas O'Brien Engineers, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Initial funding for both on-call contracts is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 through 2026 budget, as follows:

Fund	Amount
511 (T1)	\$90,000
501 (Capital Improvements)	\$210,000

Funding for FY 2027 through 2028 is subject to appropriation in future fiscal years' capital improvement budget and will be identified as projects arise.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Departments of Public Works and Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront (Parks) require electrical engineering consulting services to assist in implementing the City's T1 Program and the Capital Improvement Program. The City's current on-call electrical engineering service contracts will expire on December 31, 2025.

Without consultant support, staff will be unable to meet the electrical engineering needs of ongoing and upcoming projects, leading to further deterioration of City facilities. These contracts will provide planning, design, inspection and construction phase expertise in areas pertaining to electrical engineering. The services provided by these

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consultants will support the Strategic Plan goal to provide state-of-the-art, well-maintained infrastructure, amenities, and facilities.

These on-call contracts will be shared between Public Works and Parks.

BACKGROUND

On May 22, 2020, the City issued a Request for Qualification (RFQ) for On-Call Electrical Design Services (Specification No. 20-111364-C) for capital improvement projects. On February 23, 2021, by Resolution Nos. 49-727-N.S. and 49-728-N.S., Council approved the award of two \$150,000 contracts for the period of April 21, 2021 through December 31, 2024. These contracts were extended to their expiration date of December 31, 2025.

Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) were issued on May 8, 2025, (Specification No. 25-11719-C) seeking qualified firms or individuals to provide on-call Electrical Engineering services for capital improvement projects.

On June 10, 2025, the City received five proposals from electrical design engineering firms, which were evaluated by a review panel consisting of City staff in the Public Works and Parks, Recreation and Waterfront departments. Interface Engineering, Inc. and Salas O'Brien Engineers, Inc. were determined to be the best qualified to meet the City's needs.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

Work performed under this contract will assist the City in upgrading aging electrical systems and support the City's ongoing efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by improving energy efficiency in City facilities, undertaking distributed energy projects, and expanding EV charging stations to support electrification of the City's fleet vehicles.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Electrical engineering services are required for ongoing and future projects as the City does not have in-house expertise to complete this specialized engineering work. Currently, Public Works does not employ an electrical engineer as staff member. As a result, consultant services to provide this expertise are mandatory. The recommended firms both assembled highly qualified teams with the expertise the City requires. This contract will complement the personnel and capacity available in Public Works.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

No alternatives were considered, since the City does not have existing employee expertise or resources to perform electrical engineering design work.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

- 1: Resolution: Interface Engineering, Inc.
- 2: Resolution: Salas O'Brien Engineers, Inc
- 3: Abstract of Bids

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

CONTRACT: INTERFACE ENGINEERING, INC. FOR ON-CALL ELECTRICAL
ENGINEERING SERVICES

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2025, the City released a Request for Qualifications (Specification No. 25- 11719-C) seeking firms or individuals to provide on-call electrical engineering services; and

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2025, the City received five submissions, which were reviewed and rated; and

WHEREAS, the submission from Interface Engineering, Inc. has been found to be fully qualified and responsive to the City's request; and

WHEREAS, funding will be identified and requested for appropriation as projects arise.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute a contract and any amendments with Interface Engineering, Inc. for on-call electrical engineering services for City-owned facilities from November 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028 for an amount not to exceed \$150,000 with the option to extend for two additional one-Year terms. A record signature copy of said contract and any amendments to be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

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RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

CONTRACT: SALAS O'BRIEN ENGINEERS, INC. FOR ON-CALL ELECTRICAL
ENGINEERING SERVICES

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2025, the City released a Request for Qualifications (Specification No. 25- 11719-C) seeking firms or individuals to provide on-call electrical engineering services; and

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2025, the City received five submissions, which were reviewed and rated; and

WHEREAS, the submission from Salas O'Brien Engineers, Inc. has been found to be fully qualified and responsive to the City's request; and

WHEREAS, funding will be identified and requested for appropriation as projects arise.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute a contract and any amendments with Interface Engineering, Inc. for on-call electrical engineering services for City-owned facilities from November 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028 for an amount not to exceed \$150,000 with the option to extend for two additional one-Year terms. A record signature copy of said contract and any amendments to be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.



City of Berkeley
Abstract of Bid Worksheet

Finance Department
General Services Division

[For: On Call Electrical Engineering Services](#)

Spec. 25-11719-C

DATE: 06/10/2025

	Bidders		Local Vendor	WC	NF	OS	SC	LW	EBO
1	YEI Engineers, INC.			x	x	x	x	x	x
2	Salas O'Brien			x	x	x	x	x	x
3	Interface Engineering			x	x	x	x	x	x
4	Advance Design Consultants, INC.			x	x	x	x	x	x
5	Blueberry, INC.			x	x	x	x	x	x
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Bid Recorder: Tanisha Gainer

Tanisha Gainer
Tanisha Gainer (Jun 10, 2025 15:28 PDT)

DATE 06/10/2025

Bid Opener: Sherri Segnan

Sherri Degnan

DATE 06/10/2025

Project Manager:

Priya Chopra

DATE 06/23/2025

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