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RFQ No. 10219665

Division of Engineering

**Construction Project Management Services to Support Salton Sea SCH Project – CPMS
Information Letter 1**

This information letter contains one section and two attachments:

Information Letter

Section 1 – Questions and Answers

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Section 1 – Questions and Answers

- Q1. Does DWR anticipate full-time inspection staff, or are inspection resources expected to be provided on an as-need/task-order basis?
- A. The contract is structured as an as-needed, task-order-driven Construction Project Management Services (CPMS) contract. Inspection resources are expected to be provided through individual task orders issued by DWR based on project needs. While certain phases of construction may require significant inspection presence, DWR is not prescribing full-time staffing positions through the base contract and will determine resource requirements through task order assignments.
- Q2. What level of onsite Construction Management (CM) and inspection staffing is currently anticipated through completion of the Species Conservation Habitat (SCH) program?
- A. DWR anticipates continued construction management and inspection support through completion of construction activities and achievement of operational readiness and monitoring for the SCH Design-Build Project. However, specific staffing levels have not been predetermined and will be established through task orders based on construction activity, schedule demands, permit requirements, commissioning activities, and other project needs.
- Q3. Will environmental monitoring, tribal monitoring, cultural resources monitoring, and biological monitoring be managed through this contract, or through separate contracts?
- A. The Scope of Work includes environmental monitoring support, biological monitoring support, cultural resources support, and assistance coordinating Native American field monitoring services. DWR reserves the right to utilize this contract for these services

where appropriate; however, DWR may also procure related services through separate contracts if determined necessary to meet project requirements. Specific assignments will be identified through task orders.

- Q4. Are there any disciplines DWR expects to be staffed full-time versus available on-call?
- A. DWR has not identified any specific disciplines that must be staffed full-time under the contract. The intent is for the consultant team to provide qualified personnel across the required disciplines and make those resources available as needed. Staffing requirements, including duration and level of effort, will be defined through individual task orders.
- Q5. How much of the work is expected to be performed in the field versus remote support?
- A. The anticipated work includes a combination of field and office/remote support activities. Field-based services may include construction inspection, onsite construction representation, environmental monitoring, permit compliance activities, surveys, training, and coordination efforts. Office and remote support may include project controls, scheduling, document review, contract administration, risk management, claims support, reporting, and technical analyses. The proportion of field versus remote work will vary by task order and project phase.
- Q6. Are there any incumbent consultants currently supporting the project?
- A. MWH Constructors, Inc. is the current incumbent contractor providing Construction Project Management Services Supporting the Salton Sea SCH Project.
- Q7. With regard to cost principles and any submitted financial records to support fringe, overhead and general administration, is this a federally funded project with any disallowance rules as outlined in FAR Subpart 31.2.
- A. This project does receive federal funding. DWR uses the AASHTO Uniform Audit & Accounting Guide and the FAR as frameworks to evaluate required financial documents. As such FAR cost-disallowance rules are used to assess all submitted financial records related to fringe benefits, overhead, and general administration.
- Q8. Are we required to provide payroll records for all personnel for the entire corporation?
- A. No, we will only require payroll records or offer letters for employees who will be performing the work. Everyone working on the contract will need to have payroll records or offer letters.

END OF INFORMATION LETTER

Attachment A – Pre-SOQ Conference List of Attendees

Item I: The following list of attendees* of the Mandatory Pre-SOQ Conference are as follows:

Name	Company	Email	Phone
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Jennie Po	APSI	jennie.po@apsicm.com	657-758-3140
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Ajay Singh	Dabri, Inc.	ajay@dabri.com	510-406-7159
Quang Vu	Dahl, Taylor & Associates Inc.	qvu@dahltylor.com	919-254-8016
Sheri Hadsell	Diversified Project Services International, Inc.	shadsell@dpsiiinc.com	661-371-2800
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Garrett Terlaak	Overwatch Construction Management	garrett@overwatchcm.com	714-864-8186
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*The following list is given in alphabetical order by Contractor and in no way implies preference.

Attachment B – Contract Overview Presentation

Item I: The following presentation is included as presented in the Mandatory Pre-SOQ Conference held on Wednesday, June 24, 2026.



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Per RFQ Section V, Page 8 this **mandatory pre-SOQ conference** negotiation may not be recorded.
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Mandatory Pre-SOQ Conference
RFQ #10219655

Division of Engineering
Architectural and Engineering
Contracts Program



Mandatory Pre SOQ Conference

June 24, 2026, 2:30 PM

RFQ # 10219665

Construction Project Management Services to Support Salton Sea
SCH Project – CPMS

MS Teams: 916.573.2034, Conference ID 297 834 542

Contract Analyst: David Barber 916.398.1571

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Agenda

- Attendance
- RFQ Timeline
- Contract Overview
- Negotiations Process
- Small Business/Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise
- Questions
- Next Steps

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Attendance

- DWR will be creating an attendance log.
- In the Microsoft (MS) Teams chat, list the following:
 - First and Last name
 - Name of Firm/Organization you are representing
 - Contact Information (phone number and email)
 - SB/DVBE Status
- For audio call-ins, you will be asked to provide your first and last name, along with the name of the Firm/Organization you are representing.

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Contract and RFQ Overview



Contract Summary

The selected Contractor will provide expert technical advice and consultation in the areas of construction management and contract administration, inspection, project management and other CPMS related engineering and management services for the Salton Sea Species Conservation Habitat (SCH) Design-Build Project at the New River.

The specific work and deliverables are identified in Exhibit A, Description of Services, and will support the Division of Engineering.



Contract Term and Award Type

The estimated term for this agreement is three years (September 21, 2026, through September 29, 2029) with the option of up to two one-year amendments.

This is a single award contract



RFQ Timeline

- Questions are due June 24, 2026, at 5:00 PM PT
- Information letter will be posted by June 25, 2026
- Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) are due June 30, 2026, at 2:00 PM PST
- SOQs will be reviewed and scored
- Top firms will be invited to interview
- Most qualified will be selected after interviews



Most Qualified

- Most Qualified Firm will be notified:
 - Request for financial documents will be emailed
 - Submission of "Financial Documents" Instructions will be provided by DWR
 - Templates for Rate Sheets will be provided by DWR
 - DWR will review the submitted "Financial Documents" and compare the information on those documents to the Rate Sheets



Negotiations Overview



Negotiations Highlights

- Streamlined approach.
- Negotiations are now based on a process that begins with substantiation of the Firm's true and actual rate(s)/cost(s) and culminates with the multiplication of the published profit rate (10%) in Exhibit E.
- True and actual rate(s) substantiated through submission of "Financial Documents". DWR will evaluate for appropriateness.



Negotiations Timeline

- Submission of Financial Documents and Rate Sheet
 - 5 business days after selection of most qualified
- DWR Completes review of provided documents
 - 7 business days
- Submission of additional documentation or clarification on discrepancies as necessary to complete negotiations
 - To be completed 3 business days after request from DWR
 - Missing resumes, clarifying information, etc. DWR will reach out to Most Qualified Firm's point of contact requesting resolution
- Finalization of Negotiations
 - 5 business days
 - Completion of Rate Sheets
- In total, **20 business days** for negotiations process to be completed



Financial Documents

- Resumes of **all personnel**
- Payroll Records and/or Offer Letters for **all personnel**
- Fringe Benefit Statement(s)
- Indirect Cost Rate Supporting Documentation (i.e. Consolidated Indirect Cost Schedule) - **all contractors**
- Company Policies - **all contractors**
 - Compensation Policies (including bonus)
 - Exempt/non-exempt employee policy
 - Overtime policy/policies
 - Shift differential policies
 - Holiday policies
 - Prevailing Wage Policies (if applicable)
- Other Direct Cost (ODC) Supporting Documentation - Items addressed in Exhibit E - Reimbursement are not permitted.
- Subcontractor Costs (if applicable)
- DWR Certification Form -- **all contractors**

**Please note that DWR considers confidential financial information provided by firms as a part of negotiations not to be subject to the Public Records Act.*



True and Actuals

- The appropriate and accepted true and actual rate(s)/cost(s), after profit rate is applied, will be the basis for establishing the final rates in the contract. Those final rates will be static per classification and will only escalate per the Escalation clause in Exhibit E after contract execution.
- Each contract negotiation will be evaluated separately from other contract negotiations. Firms will have the obligation to substantiate true and actual rate(s)/cost(s) for each negotiation.

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Exhibit Updates



Exhibit D - Generative AI

No. 16 GENERATIVE AI DISCLOSURE OBLIGATIONS

- A. The following terms are in addition to the defined terms and shall apply to the Contract:
- 1) "Generative AI (GenAI) mean an artificial intelligence system that can generate derived synthetic content, including text, images, video and audio that emulates the structure and characteristics of the system's training data
 - 2) Contractor must notify DWR in writing if it: (1) intends to provide GenAI, including GenAI from third parties or subcontractors, to complete all or a portion of any deliverable.
 - 3) Notification must be provided to the Contract Manager identified in this Contract.
 - 4) DWR, at its sole discretion, may consider Contractor's failure to disclose the use of GenAI as described above, to constitute a material breach of Contract. DWR reserves the right to seek any and all remedies available to it under law as a result of such breach, including but not limited to termination of the contract.



Exhibit E

No. 2 - Reimbursement Clause. The process of how to request short term excess lodging is now incorporated into this clause. Effective October 1, 2024, the State has adopted the federal standard and non-standard reimbursement lodging rates, as well as rates for Meals and Incidental Expenses.

No. 14 - Profit (identifies published profit that will be calculated into fully loaded hourly rates).



Exhibit E

No. 15 - Escalation - *now based on ECI, U.S. Dept. of Labor Statistics*

No. 16 - Mark-up (for subcontractor and other direct costs).

Small Business/Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise



For questions or assistance regarding Small Business (SB)/Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise (DVBE) participation in DWR contracts, please contact:

SB.DVBE@water.ca.gov



Next Steps

Final attendance check

- In MS Teams chat please list first name, last name, the name of the Firm/Organization you are representing, your email address, phone number, and SB/DVBE status.
- For audio call-ins, you will be asked to provide your first and last name, along with the name of the Firm/Organization you are representing.

Questions

- Any questions that cannot be answered at this time will be addressed by DWR in the forthcoming Information Letter.



Thank you