

Report from Evaluation Committee

RFQ, Recycled Water Distribution System Pipelines for the Northwest and Northeast Quadrant

**REPORT FROM EVALUATION COMMITTEE  
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR  
DESIGN RECYCLED WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM PIPELINES**

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**BACKGROUND:**

On October 6, 2015 the City advertised and sent out more than one hundred requests to consulting firms to submit “Statement of Qualification for the design of the Recycled Water Distribution System Pipelines for the Northwest and Northeast Quadrant. Three firms submitted the necessary qualifications to the City on November 3, 2015. The City of Fresno Wastewater Management Division (WMD) Technical Services conducted interviews on December 1, 2015 with all three firms. The five person interview panel concluded that all three firms have the necessary experience and qualifications the City requires. After the interviews with all three firms (AECOM, Blair Church & Flynn, and Kennedy/Jenks) it was determined that each firm strongest area of expertise was in different areas. Due to the timing and need to expedite the delivery of the Recycled Water Distribution system to the North side of Fresno, DPU-WMD decided it would be the most beneficial to break the Northeast and Northeast Quadrant of Recycled Water design into three design contracts. The three design packages are: a Northwest pipeline, a Northeast pipeline and booster pump stations.

**EVALUATION BY COMMITTEE:**

It was determined BCF was the most qualified for the design of the large diameter steel pipe mains. Therefor BCF was asked to develop a scope and level of effort (LOE) for the NW portion of the project. It was determined that AECOM had the most experience in the NE area of the City and it would be most beneficial to have them work on the NE

mains. AECOM was asked to develop a scope and LOE for the NE portion of the project. It was determined that K/J was the most qualified to design the booster pump stations along both the NE and NW pipelines. Therefore K/J was asked to provide scope and LOE for the booster pump stations.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Upon receiving the three scopes and LOE it was decided to request secondary scopes and LOE from the one other firm for each project just as a double check to ensure the costs were not unrealistically high. After receipt of all the proposals the decisions were finalized as originally determined in the interview process.