



FRESNO YOSEMITE
International Airport

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 18, 2022

TO: THOMAS C. ESQUEDA, City Manager
City Manager's Office

FROM: HENRY L. THOMPSON, Director of Aviation
Airports Department

SUBJECT: UNIQUELY QUALIFIED VENDOR – ERM-WEST, INC.

The purpose of this memorandum is to request City Manager approval of ERM-West as a uniquely qualified vendor in the performance of ongoing engineering, environmental and remedial services concerning groundwater contamination at Fresno Yosemite International Airport (FAT).

Environmental clean-up of groundwater contamination that emanated from a military aircraft maintenance facility at the former Hammer Field, currently FAT, has been ongoing for 31 years. A Settlement Agreement between the City, United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and the Boeing Company formed the Old Hammer Field Steering Committee (OHFSC) and further establishes that ongoing monitoring and clean-up efforts are to be coordinated by the parties including selection of consultants and contractors. The City is responsible for executing all related agreements entered under the Settlement Agreement on behalf of the OHFSC. The City is financially responsible for 10% of the costs of monitoring and remediation with USACE responsible for 68%, and Boeing for 22%.

The OHFSC approved an agreement with ERM-West at the time of the original settlement in 2006 and has unanimously approved annual amendments to the agreement since 2011. The OHFSC has determined that ERM-West continues to be the most qualified consultant to manage the clean-up effort and has approved of the proposed amendment for calendar year 2022.

ERM-West offers the following unique qualifications for continued management of environmental services associated with the Old Hammer Field site:

- Unanimous support of ERM by the OHFSC
- Unequaled historical site and project knowledge
- Strong relationships with Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) and the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (CVRWQCB)
- Effective working relationships with the OHFSC members. ERM has earned the trust of the OHFSC by sharing their extensive knowledge of best management practices to achieve project goals while taking a collaborative approach to all decisions. They continually partner with the OHFSC to develop strategies that satisfy stakeholder and regulatory objectives while controlling overall costs.

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- Established communication and rapport with other stakeholders including regulatory agencies, various City Departments, California Air National Guard and property owners at several treatment and monitoring sites.

Airports Department recommends that ERM-West be confirmed as a uniquely qualified vendor and an amendment to the consulting services agreement with ERM-West for ongoing environmental services related to groundwater contamination at Fresno Yosemite International Airport be approved.

Approved

Denied

for 

Thomas C. Esqueda, City Manager



Date