BOARD MEETING DATE: February 2, 2024   AGENDA NO. 10

PROPOSAL: Establish List of Prequalified Vendors to Provide Computer,
                   Network, Printer, Hardware, and Software

SYNOPSIS: On November 3, 2023, the Board approved the release of a Request
                   for Qualifications and Quotations (RFQQ) to prequalify vendors
                   for computer, network, printer, hardware, and software. As a result
                   of successful responses to this RFQQ, seven vendors were
                   identified as capable of providing these products. This action is to
                   approve these seven vendors to provide these products for a two-
                   year period. Funds ($300,000) for these purchases are included in
                   the FY 2023-24 Budget.

COMMITTEE: Administrative, January 12, 2024; Recommended for Approval

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Approve list of prequalified vendors in the Attachment for a two-year period to provide
computer, network, printer, hardware, and software.

                                        Wayne Nastri
                                        Executive Officer

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Background
On November 3, 2023, South Coast AQMD released a Request for Qualifications and
Quotations (RFQQ) #2024-01 for computer, network, printer, hardware, and software.
The purpose of this RFQQ is to invite eligible vendors to submit quotations for seven
categories, consisting of: 1) network server equipment/system (desktop and file server);
2) computer hardware parts (desktop and file server); 3) computer software (desktop
and network); 4) printers; 5) voice and data network equipment; 6) desktop/laptop
computer; and 7) audio visual equipment. Vendors may bid on any one, or all, of the
categories. The selected vendors resulting from this RFQQ will be used to compile a
prequalified vendor list. Purchase orders may be placed with any or all of the vendors
on the prequalified vendor list. This prequalified vendor list will be in effect for a period
of two years and will expire in March 2026. Orders for equipment purchased under this
RFQQ will be placed with the vendors who are determined to be the most advantageous

to South Coast AQMD at the time of placing the order. It is expected that product orders will be placed throughout the duration of the qualification period. Consideration will be given to cost advantage, technical superiority, length of warranty, and services provided.

Outreach
In accordance with South Coast AQMD's Procurement Policy and Procedure, a public notice advertising the RFQQ and inviting bids was published in the Los Angeles Times, the Orange County Register, the San Bernardino Sun, and Riverside County's Press Enterprise newspapers to leverage the most cost-effective method of outreach to the South Coast Basin.

Additionally, potential bidders may have been notified utilizing South Coast AQMD's own electronic listing of certified minority vendors. Notice of the RFQQ has been emailed to the Black and Latino Legislative Caucuses and various minority chambers of commerce and business associations and placed on South Coast AQMD's website (http://www.aqmd.gov).

Bid Evaluation
Twenty-four copies of the RFQQ were mailed out, thirty-five copies of the RFQQ were emailed and seven vendors responded when final bidding closed at 1:00 p.m. on December 5, 2023. Of the seven complete responses, one is near-zero compliant; two are women-owned business enterprises; two are minority-owned business enterprises; two are local business enterprises; and three are small business enterprises. All seven bids met the minimum requirements specified in the RFQQ and are recommended for prequalification in the appropriate categories.

The Attachment lists the seven vendors prequalified to provide computer, network, printer, hardware, software, and computer hardware upgrades.

Panel Composition
The panel consisted of four staff members from Information Management: a Systems and Programming Supervisor, two IT Supervisors and a Senior Information Technology Specialist. Of the four panelists, one is Asian-Pacific Islanders, and two are Hispanic and one is White; Three are male and one is female.

Resource Impacts
Funds for the purchase of computer hardware upgrade systems are included as part of the annual budget process.

Attachment
List of Prequalified Vendors for Computer, Network, Printer, Hardware, Software, and Computer Hardware Upgrades

ATTACHMENT

List of Prequalified Vendors for Computer, Network, Printer,
Hardware, Software, and Computer Hardware Upgrades

	Vendor	Cat 1	Cat 2	Cat 3	Cat 4	Cat 5	Cat 6	Cat 7
1	California Integrated Solutions, INC.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
2	Golden Star Technology	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
3	Hypertec Direct	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
4	Nth Generation Computing, INC.	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
5	Zones, LLC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
6	Insight Public Sector, INC.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
7	GovConnection, INC.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Categories of Supplies and Services:
1. Network Server Equipment/System
2. Computer Hardware Parts
3. Computer Software
4. Printers
5. Voice and Data Network Equipment
6. Desktop/Laptop Computer
7. Audio Visual Equipment