



PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR LABORATORY TESTING AND ANALYTICAL SERVICES - RFP NO. 2159

Public Utilities Department

City Council
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BACKGROUND

1. Drinking Water must be tested to ensure compliance with State and Federal Regulations.
2. Over 29,000 water samples are collected from source water, treatment plant processes, and water within the distribution system before it is served to customers.
3. Samples must be analyzed by a state certified laboratory and reported to regulatory agencies



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DISCUSSION

1. Four laboratories submitted proposals.
2. City staff with experience in working with environmental laboratories reviewed and scored the proposals.
3. Eurofins Eaton Analytical, LLC was found to be the best overall solution.



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DISCUSSION

4. On June 27, 2022 the Board of Public Utilities approved the expenditure of \$3,000,000 for three years, with the option of two one-year extensions in the annual amount of \$1,000,000
5. On June 28, 2022 City Council approved a Professional Consultant Services Agreement with Eurofins Eaton Analytical, LLC. for three years with the option of two one-year extensions.
6. On July 1, 2022 Eurofins started receiving samples. Their services have been unsatisfactory, leaving the City vulnerable to; monitoring violations, missed reporting deadlines for State and Federal compliance, and blind to treatment plant performance monitoring results and necessary blending adjustments that may be needed to supply high quality water to our customers.



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STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT



Strategic Priority 4 - Environmental Stewardship

Goal 4.2 - Sustainably manage local water resources to maximize reliability and advance water reuse to ensure safe, reliable and affordable water to our community.

Cross-Cutting Threads



Community Trust



Fiscal Responsibility



Sustainability & Resiliency



Equity



Innovation



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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

1. Approve a Professional Consultant Services Agreement from RFP No. 2159 for water quality laboratory testing and analytical services with Babcock Laboratories, Inc., of Riverside, California, for a three-year term until June 30, 2025, in the amount of \$3,000,000, with two optional one-year extensions in an annual amount of \$1,000,000;
2. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Agreement, including the two optional one-year extensions, and making minor and non-substantive changes;
3. Ratify emergency Purchase Order No. 232444 in the amount of \$49,500 with Babcock Laboratories, Inc.; and
4. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents related to the termination of the current Professional Consultant Services Agreement with Eurofins Eaton Analytical, LLC.



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