



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
May 7, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
Submitted by: Scott Ferris, Director, Parks Recreation & Waterfront
Subject: Contract No. 32000188 Amendment: GSI Environmental Inc. for On-Call Environmental Consulting Services

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32000188 with GSI Environmental Inc. for on-call environmental consulting services to increase the contract amount by \$200,000 for a new not to exceed amount of \$425,000 and extend the contract term from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2027.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

This on-call contract is approaching the currently authorized not-to-exceed amount. Funding in the amount of \$200,000 for this contract amendment is included in the FY 2024 and FY 2025 budget using funds from the Prop 68 Statewide Parks Program grant awarded to the City for the Santa Fe Railroad Trackbed to Park Conversion Project (Fund 336).

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Department of Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront (PRW) received a \$5 million grant from the Proposition 68 CA Statewide Parks Program (SPP) to convert the former Santa Fe Railroad Trackbed from Blake Street to Ward Street into a new park. This project requires environmental services to remediate the contaminated soils left during its former use as a railroad track. PRW selected GSI Environmental Inc. to provide the required environmental services for the project.

In order to help the City complete the environmental remediation requirements set by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) by the funding deadline of 2027, additional services by GSI Environmental Inc. are needed. A contract amendment with GSI is needed to complete this work.

BACKGROUND

On July 24, 2019, the City issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for On-Call Environmental Consulting Services (Specification No. 19-11329-C). The City received Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) from 12 firms. After evaluation of the SOQs by the

review panel, GSI Environmental Inc., Wood Environment and Infrastructure Solutions, Inc., and Northgate Environmental Management Inc. were among the firms selected.

On April 21, 2020, Council authorized a contract for On-call Environmental consulting services with GSI Environmental Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the period November 1, 2019 through November 30, 2022 (Resolution No. 69,171-N.S.)

On December 12, 2022, the City Manager authorized an extension of the On-call Environmental consulting services contracts from November 30, 2022 to December 30, 2023.

On July 8, 2023, Council authorized an amendment to GSI Environmental Inc.'s contract increasing the amount by \$75,000 for a revised contract amount not to exceed \$225,000 and extending the contract term from December 30, 2023 to June 30, 2025. (Resolution No. 70,951-N.S.)

This is a Citywide contract supporting multiple departments as-needed to assist with ongoing environmental compliance, consulting needs for planned or ongoing projects, and for unanticipated environmental consulting needs.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

The services provided by GSI Environmental Inc. will allow the City to develop and implement a soil remediation project that is required in order to convert the railroad track into a new City park. The project will include new community gardens and pollinator landscaping, along with other parks amenities. The project will help the City advance Strategic Plan Long-term goal number 1 to provide state-of-the-art, well-maintained infrastructure, amenities, and facilities.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

GSI Environmental Inc. has highly-qualified staff with the required expertise in remediating soils at former railroad sites. City staff does not have the expertise to provide this type of environmental consulting services.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None

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Attachments:

1: Resolution: GSI Environmental Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

CONTRACT NO. 32000188 AMENDMENT: GSI ENVIRONMENTAL, INC. FOR ON-
CALL ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES

WHEREAS, on July 24, 2019 by Resolution No. 69,171-N.S. the City Council authorized Contract No. 32000188 with GSI Environmental Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for on-call environmental consulting services for various citywide services and needs through November 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2022, the City Manager authorized the extension of the on-call contract from November 30, 2022 to December 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, on July 8, 2023 by Resolution No. 70,951-N.S., Council authorized an amendment to GSI Environmental Inc.'s contract increasing the amount by \$75,000 for a revised contract amount not to exceed \$225,000 and extending the contract term from December 30, 2023 to June 30, 2025. of the on-call contract; and

WHEREAS, City staff does not have the expertise to provide environmental consulting services; and

WHEREAS, the current contract not to exceed amount is nearly depleted and the City has need of GSI Environmental Inc's continued environmental consulting services through June 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, funding in the amount of \$200,000 for this contract amendment is included in the FY 2024 and FY 2025 budget using funds from the Prop 68 Statewide Parks Program grant awarded to the City for the Santa Fe Railroad Trackbed to Park Conversion Project (Fund 336).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32000188 with GSI Environmental Inc. for environmental consulting services increasing the amount by \$200,000 for a revised contract amount not to exceed \$425,000, and extending the contract to June 30, 2027.

