



CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 23, 2023

SUBJECT: Approval to award an Agreement for Geotechnical Engineering Services for Public Projects to G2 Consulting Group, LLC, for a period of five years, with an effective date of January 23, 2023.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Department of Public Works, Engineering Division

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Since December 2018, the City has contracted with two pre-qualified geotechnical consultants for the geotechnical investigations and material testing services needed during design and construction of public infrastructure projects, Intertek PSI and Testing Engineers and Consultants. These contracts are set to expire in December 2023. Due to poor performance, the Engineering Division has opted to end the contracts early and seek a new firm for the City's geotechnical needs. Going forward, the City would contract with one geotechnical consultant and retain Intertek PSI's services for the remaining contract period to serve as backup, if needed.

The Engineering Division completed the review and recommendation process to utilize one pre-qualified geotechnical consultant for the planning and construction phases of public infrastructure projects. The attached Request for Qualifications and Fee Proposal was advertised on November 30, 2022. The qualification packages were reviewed and scored using the Qualification Based Selection (QBS) process. The firm with the top score was G2 Consulting Group, LLC.

The consultants also submitted fee proposals on the City's fee proposal table attached in the Request for Qualifications and Fee Proposals which asked for a straight percentage of the estimated construction cost under each infrastructure category for design investigation and material testing, which was successfully used in the last contract period. G2's fee proposal included at the end of the proposal package. The fee percentages align with the City's expectations, which are relatively small for typical City projects at approximately 1.25% of the estimated construction cost for design investigation and approximately 2% of the awarded construction cost for material testing.

The attached Agreement for Geotechnical Engineering Consulting Services for Public Projects was provided to G2 and executed as a general agreement. G2 may execute an Authorization of Additional Services if staff agrees the project scope is considerably different from the expected fee percentage.

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