

Kittitas County Community Development Services

Agenda Staff Report

AGENDA DATE:

9/7/2011

ACTION REQUESTED:

Request Board signature on Professional Services Agreement with URS and approve Scope of Work.

BACKGROUND:

On June 3, 2011 Kittitas County Community Development Services (CDS) requested Statements of Qualifications from firms and individuals qualified and interested in providing expertise in land use planning and economic impact analysis consultant services on a contractual basis. Interviews were held for firms on July 29, 2011 for all firms who submitted a RFQ by June 17, 2011 and URS was the firm selected as the consultant.

Responsibilities of the firm are to provide background information, facilitate discussion, and analyze proposals associated with a component of the preliminary Integrated Water Resources Management Plan (IWRMP) for the Yakima River Basin and facilitate an appointed citizen-based policy advisory group which will critically evaluate an ecosystem restoration and enhancement proposal that has been included in the IWRMP as mitigation for new and increased storage facilities within the Yakima River Project. The consultant will be expected to provide background information and perform analysis of various portions of the proposal from a land use and economic perspective as requested by the policy advisory group. The consultant will prepare recommendations from the policy advisory group in document form for consideration and endorsement by the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners and to be submitted to the Washington State Department of Ecology during the formal environmental impact statement process for the IWRMP. The consultant will coordinate work with County staff and attendance at public hearings after normal hours may be required.

INTERACTION:

CDS, Public Works, Board of County Commissioners, Prosecutor's Office

RECOMMENDATION:

Board signature on Professional Services Agreement and approve Score of Work.

HANDLING:

Return signed copy to CDS.

LEAD STAFF:

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