

Metropolitan Transportation Commission

February 24, 2021

Agenda Item 13a - 21-0172

**Bay Area Transit Coordination and Structure Consultant Bench
(Arc Alternative and Renewable Construction LLC, Arup North America Ltd., Cambridge Systematics, Inc., Ernst & Young Infrastructure Advisors, LLC, Interline Technologies LLC, KPMG LLP, Network Rail Consulting, Inc., Steer Davies Gleave, Inc., Transportation Management & Design, Inc., VIA ARCHITECTURE, Inc.)**

Subject: A request for Commission approval of a pre-qualified panel of consultants (“Consultant Bench”) to provide services related to Bay Area Transit Coordination and Structure in support of the Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force and related initiatives. The recommended firms and specific service categories are listed in Attachment A.

Background: In May 2020, MTC created the 32-member Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force to guide the recovery of public transit and its role in the region, as it adjusted to new conditions created by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Task Force is composed of representatives of the MTC Commission, transit operators, and stakeholder groups and one of the priorities of the panel is to foster long term improvements to the Bay Area transit network into a more connected, more efficient, and more user-focused mobility network. As part of its work, the Task Force will be exploring near-term actions to implement beneficial long-term network management and structural reforms to our region’s public transit system.

MTC was also recently awarded a Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant for project delivery and governance of the region’s rail partnerships. Under this effort, MTC, in partnership with rail providers in the region, will identify project delivery and organizational structures that utilize existing expertise and identify partnerships and structures to build and operate a more seamless and customer focused rail network.

In support of these efforts MTC issued a Request for Qualifications in November 2020 to create a pre-qualified bench of consultants (“Bench”) from which MTC may contract on a per-project basis to provide a variety of services in the general categories listed below. Consultants could apply to be approved for any one or more of the following service categories on the Bench:

- A. Improving Project-Level Governance
- B. Support and Evaluation of Functional and Full Consolidations of Transit Agencies
- C. Establishing New Sub-Regional and Regional Governance and Administration

D. Subject Matter Expertise (SME) to Multiple Areas of Transit Decision Making, Administration/Management and Operations

Proposers were invited to submit for any or all service categories.

On January 13, 2021, sixteen responsive Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) were received. A panel of MTC, Caltrain, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, and Sonoma County Transportation Authority staff evaluated the SOQs against the Desired Qualifications specified in the RFQ, and applied scoring criteria listed below in descending order of importance:

1. Experience & qualifications of firms & proposed staff in relation to the expertise sought by MTC, as listed and described in the Scope of Work (60%).
2. Reasonableness of rates (25%).
3. Presentation, as evidenced in the written responses, and interviews if conducted (15%).

Each criterion was scored with a total possible score of 100. Out of the sixteen submissions, six of the prime contractors had Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)/Small Business Enterprise (SBE) status while fourteen subcontractors had DBE/SBE status.

Based on the results of the evaluation, the Evaluation Panel recommended that ten of the sixteen firms be on the bench for their respective service categories, as listed in Attachment A to this summary sheet. All recommended firms identified qualified key staff with relevant project experience and demonstrated experience and expertise in one or more of the consulting services described in the service categories for which they were recommended. Of the firms selected for the bench, two prime contractors have a DBE/SBE status while thirteen of their subcontractors have a DBE/SBE status.

Any firms approved will be eligible for work throughout the life of the Consultant Bench. Award of a contract with one of the pre-qualified consultants may take place by direct selection or via mini-procurement, pursuant to MTC's procurement procedures. Attachment B to this summary sheet includes a list of the recommended firms and their SBE and DBE status.

Issues: None.

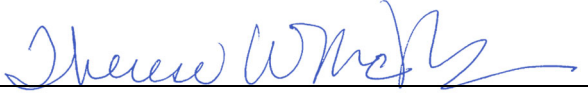
Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Commission approve the pre-qualified panel of consultants identified in Attachment A ("Consultant Bench") to provide Bay Area Transit Coordination and Structure services under four service categories as shown in Attachment A. Staff will return to the Commission or

to the appropriate Committee for authorization of any contracts exceeding the Executive Director's signature authority.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Bay Area Transit Coordination and Structure Consultant Bench – List of Firms and Service Categories.
Attachment B: Consultant DBE and SBE Status.

Request for Commission Approval – Summary of Proposed Consultant Panel



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Attachment A

Bay Area Transit Coordination and Structure Consultant Bench List of Firms and Service Categories

No.	Firm name	<i>Service Categories</i>			
		A: Improving Project-Level Governance	B: Support and Evaluation of Functional and Full Consolidations of Transit Agencies	C: Establishing New Sub-regional and Regional Governance and Administration	D: Subject Matter Expertise Specific to Multiple Areas of Transit Decision Making, Administration/ Management and Operations
1	Arc Alternative and Renewable Construction LLC	X			X
2	Arup North America Ltd.	X			X
3	Cambridge Systematics, Inc.			X	X
4	Ernst & Young Infrastructure Advisors, LLC	X	X	X	X
5	Interline Technologies LLC				X
6	KPMG LLP	X	X	X	X
7	Network Rail Consulting, Inc.	X			
8	Steer Davies Gleave, Inc.	X			
9	Transportation Management & Design, Inc.		X	X	X
10	VIA ARCHITECTURE, Inc.		X	X	

Attachment B

Small Business and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Status

	Firm Name	Role on Project	DBE* Firm			SBE** Firm		
			Yes	If Yes, List #	No	Yes	If Yes, List #	No
1	Arc Alternative and Renewable Construction LLC	RFQ - TBD	X	1783953		X	1783953	
2	Arup North America Ltd.	RFQ - TBD			X			X
3	Cambridge Systematics, Inc.	RFQ - TBD			X			X
4	Ernst & Young Infrastructure Advisors, LLC	RFQ - TBD			X			X
5	Interline Technologies LLC	RFQ - TBD			X	X	2011482	
6	KPMG LLP	RFQ - TBD			X			X
7	Network Rail Consulting, Inc.	RFQ - TBD			X			X
8	Steer Davies Gleave, Inc.	RFQ - TBD			X			X
9	Transportation Management & Design, Inc.	RFQ - TBD			X			X
10	VIA ARCHITECTURE, Inc.	RFQ - TBD			X			X

*Denotes certification by the California Unified Certification Program (CUCP).

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REQUEST FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL

Summary of Proposed Consultant Panel

Work Item No.:	To be determined on a per-contract basis
Consultant:	See Attachment A to the Commission Summary Sheet dated February 24, 2021.
Work Project Title:	Bay Area Transit Coordination and Structure Consultant Bench
Purpose of Project:	Selection of a Consultant Bench to Support Blue Ribbon Task Force Recommendations and other initiatives related to transit structures and management.
Brief Scope of Work:	Provide services under four categories: Improving Project-Level Governance; Support and Evaluation of Functional and Full Consolidations of Transit Agencies; Establishing New Sub-regional and Regional Governance and Administration; and Subject Matter Expertise Specific to Multiple Areas of Transit Decision Making, Administration/Management and Operations.
Project Cost Not to Exceed:	To be determined on a per-contract basis
Funding Source:	Sources to be determined on a per-contract basis
Fiscal Impact:	No immediate fiscal impact until contracts are awarded. Funds for future fiscal years are subject to the agency budgetary approval process.
Motion by Committee:	That the above-referenced consultants be pre-qualified to enter into contracts with MTC to provide Consultant Assistance through June 30, 2025, as described above in the Metropolitan Transportation Commission Summary Sheet dated February 24, 2021, subject to applicable contract approval procedures and necessary budget approvals.
Metropolitan Transportation Commission:	

Chair

Approved: February 24, 2021