

STAFF REPORT

Date: April 12, 2023

To: Mayor and City Council

Thru: Doug Thornley, City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Consultant Agreement with Wise Consulting & Training for on-call services for asbestos, lead, and mold abatement in an amount not to exceed \$250,000. (Capital Projects Fund)

From: Justin George, Senior Civil Engineer

Department: Public Works

Summary:

The agreement with Wise Consulting & Training is for consulting services required during design and construction of public works projects. Wise Consulting & Training provides inspection, testing, and monitoring for lead, asbestos, and mold which is required by health code and for quality assurance. This agreement will provide an on-call contract which facilitates an expedited response when inspection and testing is required during the course of capital or maintenance projects. Staff recommends Council approve the agreement with Wise Consulting & Training in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Infrastructure, Climate Change, and Environmental Sustainability

Previous Council Action:

March 8, 2017 – Council approved consultant agreement with Wise Consulting and Training for on-call services for asbestos, lead, and mold abatement in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

July 18, 2012 – Council approved an agreement with Wise Consulting and Training to provide consultant services in an on-call capacity for various projects and maintenance activities.

Background:

Lead and asbestos were common in select construction materials prior to environmental regulations restricting their use. Many City facilities were constructed prior to environmental regulations that restricted use of lead and asbestos. Regulations require abatement of lead and asbestos when building materials are disturbed. Capital and maintenance projects involving disturbance of building materials such as drywall, wall texturing, ceilings, door frames,

carpeting, laminate flooring, etc., require special inspection and testing by a qualified, licensed/certified consultant.

Discussion:

Inspection and testing for asbestos, lead and mold are required by federal, state and local codes. Qualified consultants must provide lead, asbestos, and mold inspection and testing services. Inspection and testing is intended to assist in design, for monitoring during construction, verifying contractors work complies with the construction contract documents and codes, and to assist in responding to events that occur during construction. Wise Consulting & Training has extensive knowledge of the history and current condition of lead and asbestos present in many City facilities. It is imperative to have an on-call consultant that can quickly identify locations in City facilities that may or may not require abatement during construction for capital and maintenance projects. This on-call contract helps facilitate design, construction, and maintenance projects which require a consultant to be available immediately for a various inspection and testing services. Wise Consulting & Training was selected from the City's list of qualified consultants.

Financial Implications:

Funding for this contract will be identified in the Capital Projects Fund as the projects are approved through the Capital Improvement Plan.

Legal Implications:

Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada law.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Council approve the agreement with Wise Consulting & Training in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve staff recommendation.

Attachments:

Consultant Agreement (PDF)