

County of Santa Cruz

GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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December 13, 2001

AGENDA: January 8,2002

Board of Supervisors County of Santa Cruz 701 Ocean Street Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Recommendation of Award: Watsonville Health Center HVAC Replacement Project#01C1-001

Members of the Board:

At your December **4**, 2001 Board meeting, bids were received for the Watsonville Health Center HVAC Replacement Project. Your Board directed the General Services Department to review bids and return on or before January 8, 2002 with a recommendation of award.

As directed, the bids received have been reviewed and we are confident that the lowest bidder, Environmental Systems, Inc, with a bid of \$178,000 can accomplish the work to the County's satisfaction. Sufficient funds are available in the Plant Budget, Index 191076, Sub Object 6610, User Code Q63002 including a ten (10) per cent contingency.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board:

- 1. Award a contract to Environmental Systems, Inc, in the amount of \$178,000 for the Watsonville Health Center HVAC Replacement project;
- 2. Authorize the General Services Director to notify the contractor and sign the contract agreements and associated documents on behalf of your Board; and
- 3. Authorize the General Services Director to approve change orders and encumber \$17,800 in addition to the contract amount to cover change order expenditures, as required.

Very truly yours,

BOB WATSON.

General Services Director

RECOMMENDED:

SUSAN A. MAURIELLO,

County Administrative Officer

cc: Auditor-Controller General Services Department General Services Environmental Systems Inc Attachments: ADM-29; Agreement

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GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CONTRACT No.

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into, this <u>8th</u> day of <u>January ,2002</u> by and between the COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, hereinafter called COUNTY, and <u>Environmental Systems Inc.</u> hereinafter called CONTRACTOR.

ARTICLE I. WITNESSETH, WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of said County has awarded a Contract to Contractor for performing the work hereinafter mentioned in accordance with the sealed proposal of said Contractor. NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:

CONTRACTOR agrees with COUNTY, at the Contractor's own proper cost and expense, to do all the work and furnish all the labor, materials, equipment, and all utility and transportation services necessary to construct and complete in a good, professional and substantial manner and to the satisfaction of the COUNTY, the Watsonville Health Center HVAC Replacement, #01C1-001 project in Santa Cruz County, in accordance with the Notice to Bidders, specifications and plans, special provisions, and bidder's proposal; the items and quantities of which are more particularly set forth in the Contractor's Proposal, therfor, on file in the Office of the County Clerk.

The Contractor shall begin the work within ten (10) calendar days after receiving the "Notice to Proceed" and shall diligently prosecute the same to completion before the expiration of ninety eight (98) calendar days-from the date of said "Notice to Proceed."

The work to be done is shown upon plans entitled "<u>Watsonville Health Center HVAC</u>

Replacement, #01C1-001, approved November 6, 2001, which said project plans are hereby made a part of this contract.

ARTICLE 11. COUNTY hereby promises and agrees with CONTRACTOR to employ, and does hereby employ, CONTRACTOR to provide the materials and to do the work according to the terms and conditions herein contained. The said parties for themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, do hereby agree to the full performance of the covenants herein contained.

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ARTICLE III. The statement of prevailing wages appearing in the General Prevailing Wage Rates is hereby specifically referred to and by this reference is made a part of this contract. It is further expressly agreed by and between the parties hereto that should there be any conflict between the terms of this instrument and the bid or proposal of said CONTRACTOR, then this instrument shall control and nothing herein shall be considered as an acceptance of the said terms of said proposal conflicting herewith.

ARTICLE IV. CONTRACTOR and COUNTY have reviewed and considered the principal test and secondary factors below and agree the CONTRACTOR is an independent contractor and not an employee of COUNTY. CONTRACTOR is responsible for all insurance (workers compensation, unemployment, etc.) and all payroll related taxes. By my signature hereunder, as CONTRACTOR, I certify that I am aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the Labor Code which require every employer to be insured against liability for worker's compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that code, and I will comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the work of this contract. CONTRACTOR is not entitled to any employee benefits. COUNTY agrees that CONTRACTOR shall have the right to control the manner and means of accomplishing the result contracted for herein.

Principal Test: The CONTRACTOR rather than COUNTY has the right to control the manner and means of accomplishing the result contracted for.

Secondary Factors: (a) The extent of control which, by agreement, COUNTY may exercise over the details of the work is slight rather than substantial; (b) CONTRACTOR is engaged in a distinct occupation or business; (c) In the locality, the work to be done by CONTRACTOR is usually done by a specialist without supervision, rather than under the direction of an employer; (d) the skill required in the particular occupation is substantial rather than slight; (e) The CONTRACTOR rather than the COUNTY supplies the instrumentalities, tools and workplace; (f) The length of time for which CONTRACTOR is engaged is of limited duration rather than indefinite; (g) The method of payment of CONTRACTOR is by the job rather than by the time; (h) The work is part of a special or permissive activity, program, or project, rather than part of the regular business of COUNTY; (i) CONTRACTOR and COUNTY believe they are creating an independent contractor relationship rather than an employer-employee relationship; and (j) the COUNTY conducts public business.

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It is recognized that it is not necessary that all secondary factors support creation of an independent contractor relationship, but rather that overall there are significant secondary factors which indicate that CONTRACTOR is an independent contractor.

ARTICLE V. This Contract shall consist of the following documents, each of which is on file with the Santa Cruz County Clerk of the Board, and all of which are incorporated herein, and made a part of hereof by reference thereto: (a) This Agreement; (b) Guarantees; (c) Notice to Bidders, inviting sealed proposals; (d) Specifications entitled: Watsonville Health Center HVAC Replacement. #01C1-001; (e) Plans entitled: Watsonville Health Center HVAC Replacement; (f) Bidder's Bond; (g) Accepted Proposal; (h) Performance Bond; (i) Payment Bond; (j) Certificate of Worker's Compensation Insurance; (k) Certificate of General Liability Insurance; (l) Certificate of Auto Liability Insurance.

ARTICLE VI. CONTRACTOR agrees to receive and accept the sum of \$178,000, subject to additions and deductions, as approved by the COUNTY, as full compensation for furnishing all materials and for doing all the work contemplated and embraced in this agreement; also for all loss or damage, arising out of the nature of the work aforesaid, or from the action of the elements, or from any unforeseen difficulties or obstructions which may arise or be encountered in the prosecution of the work until its acceptance by the COUNTY, and for all risks of every description connected with the work; also for all expenses incurred by or in consequence of the suspension or discontinuance of work and for well and faithfully completing the work, and the whole thereof, in the manner and according to the plans and specifications, and the requirements of the Engineer.

ARTICLE VII. INDEMNIFICATION FOR DAMAGES, TAXES **AND** CONTRIBUTIONS.

CONTRACTOR shall exonerate, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless COUNTY (which shall include, without limitation, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers) from and against:

(1) Any and all claims, demands, losses, damages, defense costs, or liability of any kind or nature which COUNTY may sustain or incur or which may be imposed upon it for injury to or death of persons, or damage to property as a result of, arising out of, or in any manner connected with the CONTRACTOR'S performance under the terms of this Agreement, excepting any liability arising out of the sole negligence of the COUNTY. Such indemnification includes any damage to the person(s), or property(ies) of CONTRACTOR and third persons.

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(2) Any and all Federal, State and Local taxes, charges, fees, or contributions required to be paid with respect to CONTRACTOR and CONTRACTOR'S officers, employees, and agents engaged in the performance of this Agreement (including, without limitation, unemployment insurance, social security, and payroll tax withholding.)

ARTICLE VIII. COUNTY CODE SECTION 2.37.107 TROPICAL WOOD Any bid, proposal, or other response to a solicitation for bid or proposal which proposes or calls for the use of any tropical hardwood or wood product in performance of the contract shall be deemed non-responsive. The contractor shall not provide any items in performance of this contract which are tropical hardwoods or tropical hardwood products. The County of Santa Cruz urges companies not to import, purchase, obtain, or use for any purpose, any tropical hardwood or tropical hardwood product. In the event any bidder or contractor fails to comply in good faith with any of the provisions of County Code Section 2.37.107, the bidder or contractor shall be liable for liquidated damages in an amount equal to the bidder's or contractor's net profit under the contract, or five percent (5%) of the total amount of the contract dollars, whichever is greater. The contractor acknowledges and agrees that the liquidated damages assessed shall be payable to the County upon demand and may be set off against any monies due to the bidder or contractor from any contract with the County.

ARTICLE IX. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY. During the performance of this agreement, CONTRACTOR agrees as follows:

- (1) During the performance of this contract, contractor and its subcontractors shall not unlawfully discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, medical condition (cancer related), marital status, pregnancy, age (over 18), sex, sexual orientation, veteran's status or any other non-merit factor unrelated to job duties. Contractors and Subcontractors shall insure that the evaluation and treatment of their employees and applicants for employment are free of such discrimination. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this non-discrimination clause.
- (2) The contractor shall, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, physical or mental disability, medical condition

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(cancer related), marital status, pregnancy, sex, sexual orientation, age (over 18), veteran status, or any other non-merit factor unrelated to job duties.

(3)The contractor shall include the nondiscrimination and compliance provisions of this clause in **all** subcontracts to perform work under this contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, COUNTY has caused these presents to be executed by its officers thereunto duly authorized and CONTRACTOR has subscribed same.

CONTRACTOR - Environmental Systems Jnc.

	By			
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		Scotts Valley, Ca 95066		
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	Fax:	(408) 908-0714		
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