



**CALIFORNIA
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AUTHORITY**

Contract Award Procedures for Request for Qualifications (RFQs)

The following is the board adopted policy for awarding Architectural and Engineering (A&E) contracts utilizing the RFQ procurement process (approved March 2, 2007: Vote 8-0):

1. A Scope of Work is prepared by the staff based on need.
2. A final draft of RFQ is submitted to the Board one week prior to a board meeting.
3. After review and comment, the Board approves the Scope of Work and the RFQ.
4. The RFQ is advertised and the staff receives and evaluates the Statements of Qualifications (SOQs), including those SOQs on file with the Authority.
5. An evaluation committee is formed of at least five individuals with a minimum of two persons who shall be state, regional or local public employees familiar with transportation issues.
6. The evaluation committee reviews and scores the submitted SOQs based on published criterion and selects at least three (3) firms to participate in oral discussions of their qualifications and their approach to completing the work. At the conclusion of the oral discussions the evaluation committee will recommend to the Executive Director a ranking of firms "1", "2" and "3".
7. The Executive Director enters into negotiations beginning with the firm ranked "1". If negotiations are not successful, the Executive Director will enter into negotiations with the next highest ranked firm. After completion of successful negotiations, the Executive Director submits his/her recommendation to the board.
8. The board receives the recommendation and accepts or rejects the recommendation.
9. If the board rejects the recommendation a new RFQ is issued.
10. Upon approval of the Executive Director's recommendation by the Board, the Executive Director is authorized to enter into contract with the selected firm. Final contract terms are prepared with assistance by legal counsel.
11. Once all the terms and conditions are accepted by the contractor and reviewed by legal counsel and the Executive Director, the Executive Director will execute the contract on behalf of the Board.
12. The Executive Director may execute any contract amendment provided that it is consistent with the Scope of Work and budget and promptly transmits written notice to all board members.