PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

City and County of San Francisco

RESOLUTION NO.	21-0117

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) requires planning and engineering design and support services for large diameter (defined as 36-inch diameter and larger) water transmission pipeline facilities, and to assist the SFPUC to inspect, repair and/or replace these water transmission pipelines; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary to procure the services of qualified firms to provide specialized engineering design services for the Water Enterprise Capital Improvement Program (WECIP) and Hetch Hetchy Capital Improvement Program (HCIP) for large diameter transmission pipeline projects to supplement SFPUC staff; and

WHEREAS, The estimated cost of services for each agreement is \$7,000,000; and

WHEREAS, SFPUC advertised a Request for Proposals for engineering design and support services for transmission pipelines for the Water Enterprise Capital Improvement Program and the Hetch Hetchy Capital Improvement Program for transmission pipelines on December 22, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Services are anticipated to begin in September 1, 2021 and end in August 30, 2029 and the duration of each agreement is eight years; and

WHEREAS, SFPUC and Contract Monitoring Division (CMD) staff, upon review of the proposal scores, determined that AECOM Technical Services, Inc. (AECOM) (PRO.0168.A), and Kennedy/Jenks Consultants, Inc. and AGS, Inc. Joint Venture (KJ-AGS, JV) (PRO.0168.B) are the top two (2) ranked firms based on the established scoring criteria; and

WHEREAS, CMD established a 15% Local Business Enterprise (LBE) subconsultant participation requirement for each agreement, and AECOM has committed to an LBE subconsultant participation of 20.25%, and KJ-AGS, JV has committed to an LBE subconsultant participation of 15%; and

WHEREAS, Failure to reach successful agreement on contract terms and conditions within 30 days of the date of the Commission award may result in award of the contract to the next highest ranked proposers, or re-advertising and re-selecting consultants at the discretion of the City; and

WHEREAS, The firms being awarded a contract by the SFPUC must be in compliance with the Equal Benefits Provisions of Chapter 12B of the City's Administrative Code either at the time of the award, or within two (2) weeks of the date of the Commission award; failure of the bidder to obtain compliance certification from CMD may, in the General Manager's sole discretion, result in award of the agreement to the next highest ranked proposer, or re-advertising and re-selecting consultants at the discretion of the City; and

WHEREAS, Authorization to execute these two professional services agreements does not fall within the definition of a "project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 because work under these agreements will consist solely of support for planning and engineering design and support services, and no work involving ground disturbance or any other physical changes to the environment shall occur under these agreements, unless and until the SFPUC has reviewed and considered any required environmental review and authorizes such work; and

WHEREAS, Authorization to execute these two professional services agreements is not an approval of HCIP and WECIP transmission pipeline improvement projects and SFPUC retains discretion to, among other things, modify the projects to mitigate significant environmental impacts, require the implementation of specific measures to mitigate any significant environmental impacts of the projects, or reject the projects, following completion of environmental review; and

WHEREAS, Funds for Agreements Nos. PRO.0168.A and B, Engineering Services for Transmission Pipelines, will be available at the time of individual task order awards from individual projects within HCIP and WECIP; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Commission hereby approves the selection of AECOM and KJ-AGS, JV, awards project-funded Agreements Nos. PRO.0168.A and B, Engineering Services for Transmission Pipelines, to AECOM (PRO.0168.A), and KJ-AGS, JV (PRO.0168.B) to provide engineering design and support services for transmission pipelines for the Water Enterprise Capital Improvement Program and the Hetch Hetchy Capital Improvement Program, and authorizes the General Manager to execute these two professional services agreements with the two consultants, each for an amount not-to-exceed \$7,000,000, and each with a duration of eight (8) years, and, in the event negotiations are not successful or City requirements are not satisfied, to negotiate and execute a professional services agreement with the next highest ranked proposer(s).

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its meeting July 27, 2021.

Secretary, Public Utilities Commission