

City of Culver City, California
City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: October 23, 2006		Item Number: <u>A-8</u>	
AGENDA ITEM: Award of an Agreement to General Environmental Management, Inc. for Removal, Transport and Disposal of Hazardous Materials from the Sanitation Division's Transfer Station.			
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Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐		General Fund: Yes ☒ No ☐	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☒ Attachments: ☒	
Public Notification: Master Notification List on 10/18/2006; General Environmental Management; Clean Harbors Environmental Services; & North State Environmental via letter on October 16, 2006.			
Department Approval: Charles D. Herbertson (10/12/2006)		City Manager Approval: Jerry B. Fulwood (10/18/2006)	
City Controller Approval: Mary V. Noller (10/18/2006)			
<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Staff recommends the City Council authorize a five-year agreement with General Environmental Management, Inc. (GEM) for the removal, transport and disposal of hazardous materials from the City's Transfer Station located at 9255 W. Jefferson Blvd. <u>BACKGROUND:</u> Culver City residents occasionally deposit hazardous waste such as oil, paint, anti-freeze, and solvents into their solid waste bins. Since the City operates an exclusive franchise to collect solid waste, illegally dumped hazardous waste materials eventually end up at the City's Transfer Station. In the State of California, it is illegal for hazardous waste to be deposited in landfills. Furthermore, it is against the law for a person or company to transport more than 15 gallons or 125 pounds of chemical hazardous waste per trip unless licensed to do so. According to federal and state laws, hazardous waste must be properly handled and transported by companies that are licensed to do so. <u>DISCUSSION:</u> Since 1999, a licensed contractor has removed and transported hazardous waste materials temporarily stored in sheds located at the Transfer Station. State law requires that these sheds be emptied within state regulated time frames of every 90 days. If the sheds are not emptied within the required time frame, the City can be subjected to fines. The previous agreement expired on May 11, 2006, however, the agreement was			

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temporarily extended until October 31, 2006 with approval of the City Manager's Office to allow ample time for the sheds to be emptied while Public Works Staff solicited proposals from qualified firms and to enter into a new agreement for removal, transport and disposal services for hazardous materials. The sheds will be emptied prior to October 31, 2006 to allow ample time for a new agreement to be initiated.

On August 29, 2006, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was released to qualified firms specializing in hazardous material removal and disposal. On September 13, 2006, the City received proposals from three firms: *General Environmental Management (GEM)*, *Clean Harbors Environmental Services*, and *North State Environmental*. The proposals submitted by these firms are based on the type and quantity of the materials collected (i.e. 55 gal. drum of flammable solids, 55 gal. drum of flammable liquids, 35 gal. drum of paint related materials, etc.).

Based on previous materials collected (type and quantity) from the sheds at the Transfer Station, Staff was able to project the estimated annual cost of the services for each firm. Based on this analysis, it was found that GEM's proposal is the most favorable. Additionally, the prices in GEM's proposal will be fixed for the entire term of the agreement. GEM's proposal is provided as an attachment to this staff report to illustrate the different disposal rates for the different types of materials.

Staff has verified GEM's contractor's license with the Contractor's State License Board and found it to be current and in good standing.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The total estimated annual cost for the removal of hazardous waste materials from the Transfer Station is approximately \$10,000-15,000. There are sufficient funds budgeted in Non-Departmental account 10116100.619800.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Copy of GEM's proposal.

MOTION:

That the City Council:

1. Authorize entering into an agreement with General Environmental Management, Inc. (GEM) to remove, transport and dispose hazardous materials from the Transfer Station based on GEM's attached proposal.

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2. Authorize the City Attorney to prepare the necessary documents and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents on behalf of the City.