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REQUEST AUTHORITY FOR THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO SOLICIT STATEMENTS OF INTEREST FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES, NEGOTIATE A FAIR AND REASONABLE PRICE, AND AWARD AND EXECUTE AGREEMENTS FOR THE PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION AND MITIGATION MONITORING FOR THE PROPOSED SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION (SONGS) UNITS 2 & 3 POST-SHUTDOWN DECOMMISSIONING PROJECT IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY

PARTY:

California State Lands Commission 100 Howe Avenue, Suite 100-South Sacramento, CA 95825-8202

BACKGROUND:

Southern California Edison (SCE or Applicant) proposes the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) Units 2 & 3 Post-Shutdown Decommissioning Project (Project), which includes decontamination, demolition, and site restoration within the boundaries of Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, San Diego County. The removal of structures, including subsurface structures, would be in accordance with U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) regulations for unrestricted release of the property at license termination and U.S. Navy (Navy) requirements for return of the SONGS property.

PROPOSED PROJECT:

The SONGS is located within the boundaries of Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton approximately 51 miles north-northwest of the city of San Diego. The Project would use the decommissioning method known as decontamination and dismantlement (DECON). Existing structures would be demolished to grade or below, and building demolition would be performed using conventional means (with no explosives).

In addition to onshore activities, the Units 2 and 3 intake and discharge conduits, located on sovereign land on the seabed offshore of SONGS, would be abandoned in place, with removal of the vertical risers.

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PROPOSED ACTIVITY:

Based on the information provided by SCE, consultation with other California responsible and/or trustee agencies for the whole Project, and a review of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines, staff has determined that the Commission has the principal responsibility for carrying out or approving the Project, and is therefore the lead agency under CEQA.

Because the Project may have a significant effect on the environment, consideration of this proposed Project will require preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), and, if the Project is implemented, will require mitigation monitoring in accordance with CEQA. The Executive Officer requests delegation of authority to engage a consultant for this purpose. Consultant selection shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures as specified in Commission Regulations and in the State Contracting Manual on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualifications for the types of services to be performed and at a fair and reasonable price. All costs shall be recovered from the Project applicant.

The EIR will address potential impacts to the sensitive habitat of state- and federallisted species, air quality, water quality, recreation, cultural resources, and any other potentially significant impacts from proposed Project activities. For significant impacts that cannot be avoided, the EIR will provide measures to reduce impacts to the extent feasible and the Commission will be required to adopt a monitoring plan pursuant to section 21081.6 of CEQA to ensure that any mitigation measures imposed to mitigate or avoid significant effects will be accomplished.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. The staff recommends that the Commission find that the proposed solicitation does not have a potential for resulting in either a direct or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and is, therefore, not a project in accordance with CEQA.

Authority: Public Resources Code section 21065 and California Code of Regulations, Title 14, sections 15060, subdivision (c)(3), and 15378.

2. Approval of this item by the Commission does not constitute approval of the proposed Project or lease; it only authorizes consultant contracts for environmental review.

STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:

- A. Public Resources Code section 6106 (Delegation to execute written instruments)
- B. State Contracting Manual Vol. 1, Ch. 11.00, A & E Contracts (rev. 11/12)
- C. Public Contract Code section 6106
- D. Government Code section 4526

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- E. California Code of Regulations, Title 2, sections 2980.0 2980.12.
- F. Government Code section 19130
- G. California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15045

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

- Find that the proposed solicitation is not subject to the requirements of CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15060, subdivision (c)(3), because the subject activity is not a project as defined by Public Resources Code section 21065 and California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15378.
- 2. Find that the services are of limited duration and are of such urgent, temporary and occasional nature that the delay in their implementation under civil service would frustrate their very purpose as specified in Government Code section 19130, subdivision (b)(10).
- 3. Find that the selection of consultants under this process does not affect small businesses as defined in Government Code section 11342.610, because they will be accorded equal opportunity to submit statements of qualifications and performance data.
- 4. Find that the selection of consultants under this process for professional services of architectural, landscape architectural, engineering, environmental, land surveying or construction project management services will be consistent with procedures and policies adopted by the Commission as specified in Government Code section 4526 and California Code of Regulations, Title 2, sections 2980-2980.12.
- 5. Authorize the Executive Officer or her designee to solicit proposals, negotiate a fair and reasonable price, award and execute contracts for environmental documentation and mitigation monitoring in accordance with State policies and procedures.
- 6. Authorize the Executive Officer or her designee to enter into an agreement with the Project applicant to recover costs incurred in the consideration of this Project.