



Agenda Item No. (4)

To: Building and Operating Committee/Committee of the Whole
Meeting of August 27, 2026

From: John R. Eberle, District Engineer
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Subject: **APPROVE ACTIONS RELATIVE TO EXECUTION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT NO. 2026-B-013, GOLDEN GATE SUSPENSION BRIDGE SEISMIC RETROFIT, CONTRACT 1 - NORTH AND SOUTH TOWERS AND NORTH AND SOUTH SIDE SPANS, STRUCTURAL STEEL FABRICATION AND SHOP PAINTING INSPECTION SERVICES, WITH BUREAU VERITAS NORTH AMERICA, INC.**

Recommendation

The Building and Operating Committee recommends that the Board of Directors approve the following actions relative to Professional Services Agreement (PSA) No. 2026-B-013, *Golden Gate Suspension Bridge Seismic Retrofit, Contract 1 - North and South Towers and North and South Side Span, Structural Steel Fabrication and Shop Painting Inspection Services*:

1. Authorize execution of PSA No. 2026-B-013, with Bureau Veritas North America, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA, in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,631,564, to perform structural steel fabrication and shop painting inspection services during the construction of the Golden Gate Suspension Bridge Seismic Retrofit Contract 1 – North and South Towers and North and South Side Spans, subject to the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) receiving the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) approval of the PSA prior to its execution; and,
2. Authorize establishing a contingency, in the amount of \$244,735, for PSA No. 2026-B-013.

Sufficient funds for the PSA and its contingency are included in the budget for Project #2520, *Golden Gate Suspension Bridge Towers and Side Spans Seismic Retrofit Construction*.

This matter will be presented to the Board of Directors at its August 28, 2026, meeting for appropriate action.

Summary

The Board of Directors, at its October 24, 2025 meeting, authorized the award of a contract to construct the *Golden Gate Suspension Bridge Seismic Retrofit Contract 1 – North and South Towers and North and South Side Spans*, Contract No. 2025-B-052, to Halmar International, LLC (Resolution No. 2025-070). Contract No. 2025-B-052 involves construction of the seismic retrofit of the Suspension Bridge's two main towers and two side spans, including the following:

- Retrofit of the two main towers
- Strengthening of the roadway stiffening trusses
- Floorbeam strengthening and modifications
- Lateral system replacement and retrofit
- Finger joint replacement
- Installation of 28 solid state Energy Dissipation Devices (EDD)
- Cleaning and painting of structural steel

The construction work will take approximately six years to complete.

Project #2520 *Golden Gate Suspension Bridge Towers and Side Spans Seismic Retrofit Construction* is partially funded by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the District follows the rules and procedures set forth in the Caltrans Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM) for federally assisted projects. In conformance with the LAPM, the District has developed a Project Management Plan for the construction of the Project. This plan states that administration and management of Contract No. 2025-B-052 by the District will require the engagement of consultants for the following services:

- I. Construction Engineering (Design) Support
- II. Environmental Compliance Monitoring (ECM)
- III. Materials Quality Assurance Sampling and Testing
- IV. Scheduling and Claim Support
- V. Supplemental Field and Fabrication Inspection Support

On May 7, 2026, the District advertised on its public procurement portal a Request for Statement of Qualifications and Proposal, RFQ/RFP No. 2026-B-013, *Golden Gate Suspension Bridge Seismic Retrofit Contract 1 – North and South Towers and North and South Side Spans, Structural Steel Fabrication and Shop Painting Inspection Services*, to structural steel fabrication and shop painting inspection consultants.

The scope of these services consists of, in general: (1) performing Quality Assurance Inspections at the contractor's structural steel fabrication shops located in Georgia and Alabama; (2) performing random witnessing of the fabricator's Quality Control testing of the structural steel fabrication, galvanization and shop painting; (3) reviewing and providing comments and recommendations on the contractor's certified materials test reports and certificates of compliance for materials; (4) preparing and maintaining tracking logs that record the materials used in fabrication, and the testing performed for each fabricated component; (5) preparing and submitting daily inspection reports, weekly fabrication progress reports, monthly material on hand reports,

and test reports; (6) attending fabrication shop meetings with the District and contractor; (7) providing recommendations on approaches to resolution of materials non-conformance reports or failed test reports; and, (8) informing the District about shop fabrication operations.

A total of 18 firms downloaded the documents from the District's website. By the due date of June 9, 2026, five (5) proposals were uploaded to the District's procurement portal as follows:

1. Bureau Veritas North America, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA
2. Construction Testing Services, Inc., Pleasanton, CA
3. Mistras Group, Inc., Princeton Junction, NJ
4. WSP USA, Birmingham, AL
5. ZT Consulting Group, Inc., Pasadena, CA

Representatives from the District's Engineering Department, the District's Manager, Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Compliance Programs, and the District's Attorney reviewed the proposals and determined that the proposals generally satisfied the solicitation requirements and were responsive.

The District's selection committee, consisting of two Directing Civil Engineers, one Senior Civil Engineer and one Associate Civil Engineer, reviewed each of the five (5) proposals and evaluated them based upon the criteria included in the RFQ/RFP, including: (1) the qualifications and experience of the firm and the firm's personnel relevant to the scope of services to be provided under a contract resulting from this RFQ/RFP; (2) demonstrated capability and successful track record of the firm's personnel on similar or related projects; and, (3) the firm's understanding and methodology of providing services indicated in the RFQ/RFP for the project construction. In accordance with the provisions listed in the RFQ/RFP, the firms were ranked, and the top three firms were invited to interview.

On July 8, 2026, the District's selection committee interviewed the top three ranked firms and ranked each of the firms' oral interview presentations in accordance with the criteria listed in the RFQ/RFP documents. Reference checks of the firms and the personnel proposed by each of the firms were also conducted. The final ranking of the consultant firms is as follows:

1. Bureau Veritas North America, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA
2. WSP USA, Birmingham, AL
3. ZT Consulting Group, Inc., Pasadena, CA

Upon completion of the interviews, the Selection Committee determined that Bureau Veritas North America, Inc., is the highest-ranked proposer and has the best qualifications and experience necessary to perform the requested services.

In accordance with the procedures set forth in the RFQ/RFP, staff opened the cost proposal submitted by the top-ranked firm, Bureau Veritas North America, Inc., and negotiated a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,631,564 for the services. Staff has determined that this not-to-exceed amount is reasonable based on the historic scope of work and cost data for structural steel fabrication and painting inspection services provided by structural steel fabrication and shop painting inspection

consultants for the previous seismic retrofit projects and the recent Physical Suicide Deterrent System project.

The consultant will be compensated based on actual time expended and expenses incurred, plus a fixed fee within the authorized not-to-exceed amount.

In accordance with FHWA and the Caltrans requirements for federal assistance, prior to execution of a professional services contract financed by federal funds, such contract must be approved by Caltrans. Caltrans approval of the contract is contingent upon an audit or review of the consultant's proposal and accounting system by the Caltrans' Audits and Investigations Division to verify that the consultant's accounting systems, rates, knowledge of FHWA's cost eligibility, documentation requirements, and proposed contract language are satisfactory and, in case of any deficiencies, to correct these deficiencies.

The District also administers its Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program for FHWA-assisted contracts in accordance with the guidance and requirements of Caltrans LAPM. On October 3, 2025, the United States Department of Transportation issued an Interim Final Rule (IFR) revising the DBE Program. As a result, DBE goal-setting and counting and monitoring DBE participation were suspended during implementation of the IFR, pending completion of the applicable Unified Certification Program's reevaluation of DBE's under the revised eligibility certification standards. Accordingly, no DBE contract goal was established for this PSA. In addition, the Manager, SBE Compliance Programs determined no small business participation is anticipated during the performance of this contract.

Engineering staff recommends that the Building and Operating Committee recommend that the Board of Directors approve award of PSA No. 2026-B-013, *Golden Gate Suspension Bridge Seismic Retrofit, Contract 1 - North and South Towers and North and South Side Span Structural Steel Fabrication and Shop Painting Inspection Services*, to Bureau Veritas North America, Inc., in the not-to-exceed amount of \$1,631,564, subject to the District receiving Caltrans' approval of the agreement prior to its execution. Staff also recommends that a PSA contingency in the amount of \$244,735 be established for any additional or changed scope of services that may develop while work proceeds.

Fiscal Impact

Project #2520, *Golden Gate Suspension Bridge Towers and Side Spans Seismic Retrofit Construction*, is included in the FY 26/27 Bridge Division Capital Budget in the amount of \$1,011,726,000 and is funded with \$395,729,984 in federal Bridge Investment Program (BIP) funds, \$200,000,000 in Caltrans Federal Highway Bridge Program (HBP) funds, and \$415,996,016 in District reserves. The budget for Project #2520 includes a line item in the amount of \$55,500,000 for Consultant Services, which includes the scope for the Structural Steel Fabrication and Shop Painting Inspection Services to be delivered under this PSA. Sufficient funds are available in the Project #2520 budget to fund the \$1,631,564 cost of PSA No. 2026-B-013 and the \$244,735 PSA contingency, for a total amount of \$1,876,299.