NORTH COUNTY CORRIDOR
TRANSPORTATION EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY

ITEM: 3a

SUBJECT:

Project Updates

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Discussion Only

FISCAL IMPACT:

Not Determined

DISCUSSION:

On July 17, 2013 the JPA Board authorized the Authority Manager to issue a Request for Qualifications and negotiate a new scope and fee for professional design services to complete the Project Approval and Environmental Documentation (PA&ED) for the revised scope of the NCC Transportation Expressway Project.

RFQ Update

On July 19, 2013, staff issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the NCC Project. Six Letters of Interest (LOI) and Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) were received on August 2, 2013. These six submittals are attached as information only. The current consultant under contract, Jacobs Engineering, did not submit. The six consultants who submitted SOQs are:

1. AECOM
2. Drake Haglan and Associates
3. Mark Thomas and Company
4. Parsons
5. Rajappan & Meyer Consulting Engineers
6. T.Y. Lin International

The consultant selection process was based on qualifications only. Although all proponents were asked to submit a fee schedule with their SOQs, there was no weight assigned to the fee schedule amongst the scoring criteria. The criteria which the consultants were scored are:

1. Project Understanding and Project Approach
2. Experience of the Project Manager
3. Experience of the Project Team
4. Availability of the Project Manager and Team Interavailability/Efficacy
5. Experience with Similar Projects

Caltrans is the CEQA and NEPA lead agency for the North County Corridor State Route 99 to State Route 120 Project. Public comments collected at this meeting are not part of the CEQA or NEPA public review process and will not be made a part of the official public record.

Two JPA staff and one independent Associate Civil Engineer from Stanislaus County reviewed the six proposals and ranked them according to the above criteria. The selections of the top two consultants were unanimous and are as follows:

1. Drake Haglan and Associates
2. Rajappan and Meyer Consulting Engineers

JPA Staff will now begin negotiating a scope and fee to complete the PA&ED with Drake Haglan and Associates based on the JPA Board's prior approval. Should negotiations with Drake Haglan and Associates not result in a contract; staff will pursue negotiations with Rajappan and Meyer Consulting Engineers. The resultant contract cannot be brought before the Board until Caltrans concurrence on the Project's revised scope; however, it is anticipated that the concurrence letter is imminent and the contract will be brought before the Board for consideration at the September 18, 2013 meeting.