

**VII. STANDING COMMITTEES****B. Finance, Audit and Facilities Committee****On-Call Hazardous Materials Master Term Agreements – Select Consulting Firms****RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

It is the recommendation of the administration and the Finance, Audit and Facilities Committee that the President is delegated authority to award three term agreements for on-call hazardous materials and engineering services, one contract to each of the following three firms: Argus Pacific, Inc., PBS Engineering and Environmental and URS Corporation, subject to successful negotiation of the hazardous materials and engineering services agreement.

In the event of an unsuccessful negotiation with one or more of the three selected firms, it is requested that authority be delegated to open negotiations with RGA Environmental, Inc. and EHS-International, Inc., in that order, as needed.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Capital Projects Office intends to select three engineering/environmental services consulting firms for on-call Master Term Agreements for various capital projects. These agreements will replace the existing master term agreements that expire September 30, 2010. As individual projects arise, the parties will negotiate the scope of work and fee and formalize it in a project authorization.

The term agreements will be for an initial two-year period with an optional two-year renewal (for a maximum of four years). If the consultant performs well on work awarded during the first two-year period then it is the intention of the Capital Projects Office to continue engineering services with the same consultant for a second two-year period subject to negotiating acceptable rates at that time.

In July 2010, the Capital Projects Office advertised for firms interested in providing on-call hazardous materials professional services. Eleven firms responded to the Request for Qualifications, and five firms were interviewed by a UW selection committee on August 23, 2010. It is the committee's recommendation that Argus Pacific, Inc., PBS Engineering and Environmental and URS Corporation be awarded the term agreements for the on-call hazardous materials and engineering services agreements.

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courses to agencies and institutions throughout the State, including the University of Washington.

PBS Engineering + Environmental is a regional firm headquartered in Portland, Oregon and with a Seattle office of approximately 25 employees. PBS Engineering and Environmental focuses primarily on hazardous materials management and has served the University of Washington via previous Master Term Agreements for hazardous materials consulting services.

URS Corporation is a large multi-national and multi-disciplinary engineering firm with offices in Seattle and Bellevue, Washington that, together, employ over 300 people. URS Corporation has provided a variety of services to the University of Washington including hazardous materials consulting services on an on-call basis via a previous Master Term Agreement.