REPORT

DATE: December 14, 2006

TO: Administration Committee
Regional Council

FROM: Wayne Moore, Chief Financial Officer, (213) 236-1804, moore@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: Approval of Contract(s) Over $250,000

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the award of Contract 07-028-C1 for $659,951 to System Metrics Group, Inc. for data collection, operational analysis, and template development services.

BACKGROUND:

Attached is a Consultant Contract Summary.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds for this contract are included in the fiscal year budget work element 06-255.SCGC1.

If a member believes or has a reason to believe that he or she has a financial interest in any of the firms listed on this Report, the member should consult with SCAG Legal Counsel.

Reviewed by:

Chief Financial Officer

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION of GOVERNMENTS

CONSULTANT CONTRACT

Consultant: System Metrics Group, Inc.

Scope: The region covered by the Southern California Association of Governments, known as the SCAG Region, includes the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Ventura and Imperial. The freeway system within the region is experiencing severe congestion and a reduced level of performance. Operational improvements to allow the freeway system to achieve a sustained level of design performance and prevent breakdown and deterioration of potential vehicle throughput may represent a very cost effective strategy to maximize mobility and improve safety. Caltrans has provided SCAG with funding to undertake a study to assess operational improvement strategies, to assess methodologies to test and simulate improvement strategies, and to apply those methodologies to conditions on the I-405 and I-210 corridors in Los Angeles County and use them to prioritize operational improvements.

The operational study will develop a template to be used to assess and prioritize operational improvements on the freeway system and adjacent corridors. The data and methodologies developed will allow Caltrans and SCAG to better understand the impacts of operational conditions on freeway flow and efficiency. This, in turn, will allow for a better understanding of what improvements work best, and allow for better decision making in the allocation of scarce resources to optimize the performance and investment in our freeway system.

Contract Amount:

Total not to exceed	$659,951
System Metrics Group (prime)	$270,648
Advantec Consulting Engineers (subcontractor)	$35,089
Braidwood Associates, Ltd. (subcontractor)	$179,350
Cambridge Systematics, Inc. (subcontractor)	$149,904
WILTEC (subcontractor)	$24,960

Notice to Proceed through June 30, 2008

Work Element: 06-255.SCGC1 $659,951 Funding Sources: Caltrans Funds

Request for Proposal: SCAG staff notified 434 pre-qualified firms of the release of RFP No. 07-028. The RFP was also advertised on Lawley Publications website, the American Planning Association's website, and posted on SCAG's bid management system. The following four proposals were received in response to the solicitation:

Delcan Corporation	(3 subcontractors)	$659,703
Iteris (Meyer, Mohaddes)	(2 subcontractors)	$659,961

Katz, Okitsu & Associates	(2 subcontractors)	$658,458
System Metrics Group, Inc.	(4 subcontractors)	$659,951

Selection Process: The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated all four proposals in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP, and the selection process was conducted in a manner consistent with all applicable Federal and State contracting regulations. Interviews were held with all four offerors.

The PRC was comprised of the following individuals:

John Wolf, Assistant Division Chief, Traffic Operations, Caltrans HQ
Pat Weston, Chief Systems Planning, Caltrans HQ
Elhami Nasr, Office Chief, Advanced Planning, Caltrans District 7
Marco Ruano, Chief, Office of Freeway Operations,
Caltrans District 7
Annie Nam, Program Manager, SCAG