

**Item Title:** Multi-Year Agreement to Provide Long-term Waste Disposal Planning and Engineering Services

**Specific Action Requested:**

**That the Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to execute a three-year agreement with CDMSmith for Planning and Engineering Services, subject to terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney.**

**Item Summary:**

**Purpose:** The Board of Commissioners approves multi-year contracts.

**Background:** The South Wake Landfill opened in early 2008. The landfill accepts waste from nearly all of the County's municipalities and from more than one million residents. Analysis shows the landfill will meet the County's waste disposal needs until roughly 2040. While closure is roughly 15 years from now, staff have already begun planning for waste disposal needs beyond the South Wake Landfill. Staff recently conducted a Request for Proposals process to seek an engineering consulting firm with qualifications to help Wake County conduct this long-term planning. Based upon submittals and interviews, the selection committee recommends contracting with CDMSmith to provide this three-year study project.

**Strategic Plan:** This action supports continuing County business.

**Fiscal Impact:** The FY2025-2031 Capital Improvement Plan includes funding for this study (\$766,000). No additional appropriation is necessary.

**Additional Information:**

During 2022 and 2023, presentations were made to the Board's Growth and Sustainability Committee (8/15/22 and 5/1/23 – presentation attached), Public Health Committee (9/15/23), regarding what the County may do "Beyond the South Wake Landfill."

On May 17, 2024, a Request for Qualifications (#24-046) was issued for the Beyond the South Wake Landfill (SWLF) Planning and Engineering Services and was posted on the Wake County website (attached). Responses to the RFQ were received on June 20, 2024. Wake County received responses to the RFQ from four firms. A selection committee of seven individuals from both inside and outside of Wake County Government were established to review, evaluate, and interview shortlisted proposers.

The selection committee evaluated proposals based on these criteria:

1. Appropriate qualifications and expertise of key professional staff
2. Experience and past performance of firm on similar studies

3. Performance history, responsiveness of the firm and familiarity of its staff members with Wake County and other clients. Project Quality Control plan including recent experience with cost control, change orders, and maintaining design and construction schedules
4. Record of successfully completed studies without major legal or technical problems
5. Current workload
6. Quality/Completeness of the Response to RFQ, and ultimately the interview

Based upon their evaluation the committee unanimously agreed that CDMSmith was the most qualified team to provide the Beyond the SWLF Planning and Engineering study.

**Attachments:**

1. Presentation to Growth & Sustainability Committee – May 1, 2023
2. Request for Qualifications (#24-046)