

**Exhibit 12-F: Cost-Effectiveness / Public Interest Finding / A&E Noncompetitive**

<b>COST-EFFECTIVENESS / PUBLIC INTEREST FINDING for CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS</b>			
<b>COST-EFFECTIVENESS DETERMINATION REQUIRED</b>		<b>PUBLIC INTEREST DETERMINATION REQUIRED</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Use of force account (23 CFR 635.204, 205)* <input type="checkbox"/> Use of publicly owned equipment (23 CFR 635.106) <input type="checkbox"/> Other*: _____  <b>* Requires Caltrans District approval</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Use of publicly furnished materials (23 CFR 635.407) <input type="checkbox"/> Use of contracting method other than competitive bidding (23 CFR 635.104/204)* <input type="checkbox"/> Use of mandatory borrow/disposal sites (23 CFR 635.407) <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising period less than 3 weeks (23 CFR 635.112)* <input type="checkbox"/> Other*: _____	
<b>NON-COMPETITIVE DETERMINATION for A&amp;E CONTRACTS</b>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use of non-competitive negotiated consultant contracts (23 CFR 172.7) (a) (3)*  (Must select one of the limited circumstances)		<b>MUST MEET ONE OF THE FOLLOWING LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES:</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Service is available only from a single source <input type="checkbox"/> There is an emergency which will not permit the time necessary to conduct competitive negotiations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> After solicitation of a number of sources, competition is determined to be inadequate	
FEDERAL-AID PROJECT	CLASS OF FEDERAL FUNDS: <input type="checkbox"/> IM <input type="checkbox"/> NH <input type="checkbox"/> STP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER:		
ID	DIST-CO-RTE-PM	ESTIMATED COST	FEDERAL FUNDS
CPFCDL-5904(199)	01-HUM	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
PROJECT SPECIFIC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE PROJECTS <input type="checkbox"/> REGIONAL/DISTRICTWIDE <input type="checkbox"/> STATEWIDE <input type="checkbox"/>			
GENERAL LOCATION		GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF WORK	
Hammond Trail Bridge over Mad River (Fischer Road)		Reconstruct bridge for pedestrian and bicycle (multi-use) users	
REASONS THAT REQUESTED APPROVAL IS CONSIDERED (STATE):			
<p>Humboldt County DPW advertised for Design Engineering and Environmental Services for Hammond Trail Bridge Project RFQ No DPW2025-002 from June 10, 2025, through July 9, 2025. Multiple sources of publication of the advertisement were utilized, including the County's Web Site, state and interstate building exchanges, Bid America, Construction Bidboard, Construct Connect, Construction Market Data (CMD), Integrated Marketing Systems (IMS), McGraw Hill Dodge, North America Procurement Council, and direct contact with local/regional firms. One (1) Statement of Qualifications (SOQ), from Mark Thomas &amp; Company, Inc. was received during the solicitation period. Public Works reviewed the SOQ and determined that it was responsive to the RFQ.</p> <p>Public Works requests approval for a non-competitive negotiated consultant contract with Mark Thomas &amp; Company, Inc. This approval is warranted because the RFQ was widely circulated using multiple sources for an adequate period of time. The response to the RFQ reflects current market conditions for this type of professional services. The option of re-circulating the RFQ was considered but rejected because re-circulation is unlikely to result in additional submittals. In addition, re-circulation will cause a delay of three months, which may jeopardize funding earmark schedules. RFQ identified a maximum payable amount of \$3,000,000 and this amount will be incorporated into the contract with Mark Thomas &amp; Company, Inc. Mark Thomas &amp; Company, Inc. responsive SOQ meets the DBE goal and other federal requirements. As such, the cost of the contract will not be higher than it otherwise would be than if the County had received submittals from multiple firms.</p>			
REMARKS (STATE) :			
PREPARED/APPROVED BY LOCAL AGENCY'S REPRESENTATIVE Seemann, Hank <small>Digitally signed by Seemann, Hank Date: 2025.07.10 09:00:36 -0700</small>		REPRESENTATIVE NAME AND TITLE: Hank Seemann, Public Works Deputy-Director	
*APPROVED BY DISTRICT LOCAL ASSISTANCE ENGINEER (DLAE) <i>Russell Hansen</i>		DLAE NAME: Russell Hansen	
		Date: 07/10/2025	
		Date: 7/10/2025	

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1. Check appropriate box under “Cost-Effective Determination Required” or “Public Interest Determination Required” [for construction contracts](#). If “Use of non-competitive negotiated consultant contract” for A&E contracts is checked, select one of the limited circumstances provided.
2. Check “Class of Federal Funds” as follows: IM-Interstate Maintenance, NH-National Highway, STP State Transportation Program, Other (all other classes).
3. Provide the Federal-aid Project ID number in first column.
4. Identify Caltrans District-County-State Route-Post Mile, or City and street in second column.
5. List Estimated Cost of the portion of the project subject to this PIF.
6. List the amount of the Federal Funds in the portion of the project subject to this PIF.
7. Describe “General Location” applicable to this PIF.
8. Provide “General Description of Work” affected by this PIF.
9. Explain and give “Reasons that requested approval is considered to be cost-effective, in the public’s best interest, or meet A&E noncompetitive procurement.” Provide cost analysis or comparison as evidence of cost-effectiveness.
10. “Remarks” is for the Local Agency Representative preparing the Finding.
11. Signature, Name, and Title of Local Agency Representative preparing or approving PIF, as appropriate, and Date.
12. Signature and Name of District Local Assistance Engineer approving the PIF, as required, and Date.