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**AGENDA REPORT**

**TO:** Members of Eco-Rapid  
**FROM:** Karen Heit, Deputy Executive Director  
**DATE:** November 13, 2013  
**SUBJECT:** **APPROVAL OF COGSTENONE FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATION LIST**

**ISSUE**

Eco-Rapid Transit periodically updates its consultant lists. An application for certification was received by Cogstenone (Cogstenone Resources Management) for certification under the Environmental Planning and Related Fields category. Staff has reviewed their submittal and believes they are qualified. Approval ensures that our organization has a ready supply of consultant expertise for small consulting jobs.

**BACKGROUND**

Eco-Rapid Transit receives certification requests for inclusion on the Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) list for a variety of professional services. The nine categories for the existing SOQ list are:

1. Transportation Planning
2. Land Use Planning/Urban/Design/Architects and Related Services
3. Traffic and Civil Engineering
4. Environmental Planning and Related Fields
5. Engineering Support Services
6. GIS Programming and Map
7. Communication, Outreach, Marketing, Event Planning and Logistics
8. Financial and Economic Analyses
9. Other Professional and Related Services Not Defined Above

Qualified consultants are placed on the list for work on an as needed basis for specific assignments. When work needs arise, the accepted consultants are screened again with further input from member cities and Eco-Rapid Transit staff before work is awarded. Any award that exceeds \$5,000 is approved by the Board.

Qualified consultants are selected based on experience, quality of past work, method, approach, references, cost and understanding of issues involved. Staff believes that Cogstenone is qualified, and has worked on projects such as the Eastside Gold Line extension for METRO, and the LOSSAN corridor Improvement Project for Caltrans District 7.

The firm has also submitted a signed statement that they are not on the "Debarred or Ineligible Bidders" list for the State of California or the United States Department of Transportation.

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- City of Bellflower
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- City of Maywood
- City of Paramount
- City of Santa Clarita
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**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Approve staff recommendation to add Cogsteno to the Eco-Rapid Transit SOQ list under the Environmental Planning and Related Fields category.

