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Award Recommendation Letter

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Subject: Recommendation of Selection for RFP 23-74542
Keystone Corridor Groundwater Contamination VIMS and O&M Services

Based on the State's evaluation of responses to RFP 23-74542, it is the evaluation team's recommendation that **KERAMIDA, Inc. (KERAMIDA)** be selected to begin contract negotiations to provide the Keystone Corridor Groundwater Contamination VIMS and O&M Services for the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM).

*KERAMIDA has committed to subcontract 13.97% of the contract value to **Advanced Technologies in Electrical and Communications, Inc.** (a certified Minority-Owned Business (MBE)).*

The terms of this recommendation are included in this letter.

Estimated Four (4) Year Contract Amount: \$150,269.00

The evaluation team received four (4) proposals from:

- August Mack Environmental, Inc.
- KERAMIDA, Inc. (KERAMIDA)
- Patriot Engineering and Environmental, Inc.
- Protect Environmental

The proposals were evaluated by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) and the Indiana Department of Administration (IDOA) according to the following criteria established in the RFP:

Criteria	Points
1. Adherence to Mandatory Requirements	Pass/Fail
2. Management Assessment/Quality (Business and Technical Proposal)	45 points
3. Cost (Cost Proposal)	35 points

4. Buy Indiana	5 points
5. Minority Business Enterprise Subcontractor Commitment	5 (1 bonus point available)
6. Women Business Enterprise Subcontractor Commitment	5 (1 bonus point available)
7. Indiana Veterans Owned Small Business Subcontractor Commitment	5 (1 bonus point available)
Total: 100 (103 if bonus awarded)	

The proposals were evaluated according to the process outlined in Section 3.2 (“Evaluation Criteria”) of the RFP. Scoring was completed as follows:

A. Adherence to Requirements

The proposals were reviewed for responsiveness and adherence to mandatory requirements. All Respondents adhered to the mandatory requirements and were moved to the next step in the evaluation process.

B. Management Assessment/Quality (45 points)

The Respondent’s proposals were evaluated based on their respective Business Proposal and Technical Proposal.

Business Proposal

For the Business Proposal evaluation, the evaluation team considered the Respondents organizational structure and financial stability as defined in Section 2.3 of the RFP. The evaluation teams scores were based on a review of the Respondents Business Proposal, Attachment E.

Technical Proposal

For the Technical Proposal evaluation, the evaluation team considered the Respondents ability to effectively perform the scope of work in Section 2.4 of the RFP. The evaluation teams scores were based on a review of the Respondents Technical Proposal, Attachment F.

The evaluation team’s initial (Round 1) scores were based on a review of the Respondents proposed approach to each section of the Business Proposal and Technical Proposal. The initial results of the Management Assessment/Quality Evaluation are shown below:

Table 1: Round 1 – Management Assessment/Quality Scores (MAQ)

Respondent	MAQ Score
August Mack Environmental, Inc.	36.81
KERAMIDA	43.19
Patriot Engineering and Environmental, Inc.	43.25
Protect Environmental	33.13

C. Cost Proposal (35 points)

Cost score would then be normalized to one another, based on the lowest cost proposal evaluated. The lowest cost proposal received a total of 35 points. The normalization formula is as follows:

- *Respondents Cost Score = (Lowest Cost Proposal / Total Cost of Proposal) X 35*

The cost scoring as a result of the Respondent's cost proposal is as follows:

Table 2: Round 1 – Cost Score

Respondent	Cost Score
August Mack Environmental, Inc.	26.87
KERAMIDA	35.00
Patriot Engineering	13.32
Protect Environmental	15.13

D. Initial (Round 1) Total Scores and Shortlisting

The initial Management Assessment and Quality (MAQ) Scores in Table 1 were combined with the initial Cost Scores in Table 2 to generate the combined initial scores in Table 3. The combined initial MAQ and Cost Scores from the initial evaluation is listed below.

Table 3: Round 1 – Total Score

Respondent	Total Score 80 pts.
August Mack Environmental, Inc.	63.68
KERAMIDA	78.19
Patriot Engineering and Environmental, Inc.	56.57
Protect Environmental	48.26

In accordance with Section 3.2 of the RFP, a “short-list” of Respondents was created. Out of the four (4) Respondents, three (3) Respondents moved forward to the second round of evaluations.

E. Second Round Score – Clarification and BAFO Responses

Clarification questions were issued to the short-listed Respondents. Based on the cost clarification responses, Respondents were given the opportunity to modify their pricing. Additionally, the State elected to issue Best and Final Offer (BAFO) requests to the short-listed Respondents.

Following the second round of scoring, MAQ scores were finalized and remained unchanged for the duration of the evaluation. The Respondent's scores were reviewed and re-evaluated based on the BAFO responses and cost clarifications.

The scores for the Respondents after these updates are as follows:

Table 4: Round 2 – Post BAFO and Clarifications

Respondent	MAQ Score (45)	Cost Score (35)	Total Score (80)
August Mack Environmental, Inc.	36.81	26.87	63.68
KERAMIDA	43.19	35.00	78.19
Patriot Engineering and Environmental, Inc.	43.25	13.04	56.29

F. IDOA Scoring

IDOA scored the Respondents in the following areas: Buy Indiana (5 pts.), MBE Subcontractor Commitment (5 points + 1 available bonus point), WBE Subcontractor Commitment (5 points + 1 available bonus point), and Indiana Veteran Owned Small Business Subcontractor Commitment (5 points + 1 available bonus point) using the criteria outlined in the RFP. The total scores out of 103 possible points were tabulated and are as follows:

Table 5: Final Overall Evaluation Scores

Respondent	MAQ Score	Cost Score	Buy Indiana	MBE	WBE	IVOSB	Total Score
Points Possible	45	35	5	5 (+1 bonus pt.)	5 (+1 bonus pt.)	5 (+1 bonus pt.)	100 (+3 bonus pts.)
August Mack Environmental, Inc.	36.81	26.87	0.00*	-1.00**	6.00	6.00	74.68
KERAMIDA	43.19	35.00	5.00	6.00	-1.00	-1.00	87.19
Patriot Engineering and Environmental, Inc.	43.25	13.04	5.00	-1.00	-1.00	-1.00	58.29

*See Section 2.6.2 and 2.6.3 of the RFP for information on Buy Indiana eligibility requirement.

**See Section 1.21 of the RFP for information on subcontractor certification requirement.

Award Summary

During the course of evaluation, the State scrutinized the proposals to determine the viability of the proposed solution to meet the goals of the program and the needs of the State. The team evaluated the proposals based on the stipulated criteria outlined in the RFP document.

The term of the contract shall be for a period of four (4) years from the date of contract execution.

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