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## Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority

June 11, 2020

<b>To:</b>	Governing Board
<b>From:</b>	Michael Leue, Chief Executive Officer 
<b>Subject:</b>	<i>Approval of Agreement No. C0891 with American Environmental Testing Laboratories, LLC for Environmental Lab Services (Approval)</i>

### Recommendation:

Approve Agreement No. C0891 with American Environmental Testing Laboratories, LLC for environmental lab services in an amount not-to-exceed \$25,000 for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023, with an optional three-year extension if later approved by the Board; and authorize the Chief Executive Officer or Chief Financial Officer to execute said agreement.

### Discussion:

An existing contract for environmental laboratory services has been in place since October 2017, which expires June 30, 2020. Because of ACTA's ongoing need for environmental laboratory testing services, a modified Request for Proposals (RFP) process was conducted for a new contract. This is the same process that was utilized in 2017 for these services. A modified selection process was used because ACTA requires the use of laboratories that are located within close proximity to the Corridor and are licensed to perform certain testing.

To conduct the selection process, staff referenced a report entitled - *Non-Public Health Laboratories Approved for Wastewater Analysis by the California Department of Health Services and/or the County of Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County Industrial Waste Section for Commercial Laboratories in Los Angeles County and Vicinity*. From this report, which contains a list of 58 firms, staff identified the firms that had a laboratory located within the specified area and confirmed that they performed the required specialized testing.

Ten laboratories met the required criteria and eight responded to ACTA's request for laboratory testing pricing sheets, including ACTA's current laboratory testing provider. The responsive labs included Advanced Technology Laboratories; American Environmental Testing Laboratory, LLC; American Scientific Laboratories, LLC; Asset Laboratories; Chemtek Environmental Laboratories, Inc.; JK Bioscience Inc.; Positive Lab Service and Weck Labs, Inc. A comparison of each laboratories' pricing for certain tests showed that America Environment Testing Laboratories had the lowest prices and therefore it is recommended that a contract with the firm



be approved. American Environmental Testing Laboratories is a certified Micro Small Business Enterprise (SBE) with the State of California Department of General Services.

It is requested that the contract be issued for an initial value of \$25,000, which amount may be increased if necessary through an amendment with Board approval.

**Background:**

ACTA is required under a permit with the Los Angeles County Sanitation District to complete waste water sampling at the Corridor's two pump stations four times a year. Additionally, other testing is usually required for reasons, such as, but not limited to, hazardous spills, removal of building materials suspected of contamination, contaminated soils, or illegal dumping.

**Budget Impact:**

Costs associated with the testing at the pump stations are included in the Maintenance and Operations Budget and are reimbursed by the railroads. Funds for services anticipated during the current fiscal year are included within the FY21 Program Budget, approved today under Board Item No. 6.

**Co-General Counsel Review:**

ACTA's Co-General Counsel has reviewed and approved the proposed agreement as to form.

Transmittals:

Transmittal 1 – American Environmental Testing Laboratories, LLC Agreement No. C0891