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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Vulcan Materials Austin Quarry Environmental Impact Report

ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Madera County Planning Department is making a Request for Qualifications for the Austin Quarry Environmental Impact Report. The Austin Quarry project involves the proposal for a new, 2.5 million ton per year hard rock quarry. The project is located on the south side of Highway 145 approximately 1 mile west of the intersection of Highway 41 and Highway 145 (see attached project area map).

DATE OF ADVERTISEMENT: January 13, 2009

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTAL: By 5:00pm February 1, 2010

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The 671 acre Austin Quarry property, also known as the Highway 41 Quarry, is situated in the southern and northern portions of the United States Geological Survey (USGS) Little Table Mountain and Lanes Bridge quadrangles. The Madera Canal forms the southern boundary of the Property and State Route 145 delineates the northern boundary. The eastern boundary of the Property runs parallel to, and approximately 660 feet west of the State Route 41 centerline.

The applicant for this proposal is Vulcan Materials Company Western Division. Vulcan is requesting a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and zone change from ARE-40 (Agricultural, Rural, Exclusive – 40 acre District) to QMD (Quarry, Mining, and Drilling District) to allow for the mining and processing of a hard rock deposit at a maximum sales rate of 2.5 million tons per year for a 100-year time frame on approximately 356 acres. The CUP's will allow for the production and sale of asphalt, the acceptance and processing of recycled asphalt for use in Recycled Asphalt Pavement (RAP), and the acceptance and processing of recycled concrete for use in base products.

Vulcan is also requesting a separate CUP for reclamation of the site following completion of mining. The Reclamation Plan proposes to create agricultural and open space for future uses including, but not limited to, dry land cattle grazing and wildlife habitat.

Based on anticipated market demand, the proposed project estimated an initial sales rate for construction grade aggregate at 1.0 million tons per year and for a maximum sales rate of 2.5 million tons per year. Market demands may require more or less in the beginning depending on economic conditions.

Please limit your response to 10 pages per copy. All pages are to be numbered and shall include a table of contents. In addition to the original document, one digital version of the proposal and five (5) copies shall be submitted.

CONSIDERATION FOR SELECTION

Statement of qualifications shall address all of the following items, in the order set forth:

1. Company Name.
2. Develop a thorough scope of work that meets all of the following objectives;
 - a. Understanding of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the EIR process.
 - b. Ability to perform and then analyze *all* studies necessary for an EIR of the scope necessary for the project described above.
 - c. Understanding and application of recent legislation and court decisions that impact CEQA and the project.
 - d. Familiarity of the project area and common environmental challenges to new development.
 - e. A thorough understanding of the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA).
 - f. Understanding of the history of nearby projects, and their applicability to the project.
 - g. Ability to adequately assess the project's cumulative impacts.
3. Qualifications;
 - a. Type of Organization, size, location, professional registrations and affiliations, number of years as a company.
 - b. Names and qualifications of personnel assigned to the Project. Include project manager and all staff expected to take responsible roles.
 - c. Outline and graphics of recent projects completed that are similar to this project.
 - d. Client references from recent projects, including name, address and telephone of individuals to contact.

PROJECT UNDERSTANDING AND APPROACH

- a. Summary of approach to be taken for the project.
- b. A definitive work program and time line, including time for completion. Identify and include all tasks not under your control, and provide estimated time frames based upon prior experience.

INSURANCE

- a. Insurance coverage for proposed services shall include general liability and automobile insurance in an amount to be determined by Madera County Risk Management. Professional Liability Insurance (E&O) coverage of \$1 million is also required.

SUBMITTAL

- a. All documents must be received by the Resource Management Agency on or before 5:00 PM on February 1, 2010. Postmarks will not be accepted. Late submittals will not be considered. Interviews of top candidates will be conducted as deemed necessary.
- b. All correspondences or inquiries should be directed to:

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- c. All costs for preparation of statement of qualifications shall be borne by the proposer.
- d. This request does not constitute an offer of employment or to contract for services.
- e. The County reserves the right to retain all statements of qualifications.

Area Map

