EXHIBIT N-7

DSA-APPROVED TESTING LABORATORIES SELECTION FOR PROPOSITION M BOND, SERIES "A" & STATE CAPITAL OUTLAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

OVERVIEW

On November 7, 2006, the District was successful in the passage of the Proposition M Bond to fund the construction and/or reconstruction of the District's aging facilities. In order to start the construction process the District sent out a "Request for Qualifications" (RFQ) for DSA-Approved Testing Laboratories that would like to be considered in the construction process. The Contracts Office and the Facilities Department attempted to make the process "all-inclusive" for any firms interested in submitting an RFQ for consideration. We think that we were quite successful in this endeavor since we received 11 RFQ's from a very diverse pool of applicants.

DISCUSSION

The selection process, for the DSA-Approved Testing Laboratories, was as followed:

The District's Facilities Review Committee (FRC) was assigned the task of selecting all of the various teams and groups that will be required for the construction of the projects approved in the Proposition M Bond. Representative members of the FRC were asked if they wanted to serve on the selection process for DSA-Approved Testing Laboratories and the following people volunteered to represent their groups:

- Dr. Mark Vernoy – Executive Administration
- Karen Mifflin – Faculty
- Becky McCluskey – CCE/AFT
- Chris Miller – CAST
- Kelley Hudson-MacIsaac – AA Group
- Mike Ellis – Facilities

The Facilities Department worked with the Contracts Office to prepare the formal "Request for Qualifications" (RFQ) and this was distributed through a competitive bid process per legal requirements. Individual firms were also contacted in order to get a highly diverse group of candidates for the selection process. The Contracts Office handled all of the legal aspects for the competitive bid process and then forwarded the information to the DSA-Approved Testing Laboratories Selection Group. There were 11 firms that submitted an RFQ package for consideration. Attached is a spreadsheet that shows all of the firms that submitted an RFQ and those that were selected to go forward in the process. The Selection Group screened and rated all 11 RFQ's and selected 5 labs for interviews. The interviews were held on March 3, 2008 and the following 2 labs were selected. Reference checks were performed on all of the firms; all reference checks were highly positive.

Construction Testing & Engineering, Escondido, CA
Ninyo & Moore, San Diego, CA

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

All of the funding required, to support the projects shall be paid from Prop M funds or State Capital Outlay funds, depending on the project.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Governing Board approve the above referenced labs as being pre-qualified for any of the Proposition M Bond construction projects in the first bond issue or State Capital Outlay projects.

It is further recommended that the Governing Board authorizes the administration to proceed with the contract negotiations for the approved DSA Testing Laboratories for the construction projects and the assignment of projects to the best qualified lab for each specific project.

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#	Firms Submitting RFQ's	Firms Interviewed	Selected Finalists
1	Construction Testing & Engineering		no
2	"G" Force	yes	
3	GeoTek, Inc.		no
4	Kleinfelder, Inc.		no
5	LGC Inland, Inc.		no
6	MTGL, Inc.	yes	
7	Ninyo & Moore	yes	
8	Professional Service Industries, Inc.		no
9	Southern California Soils & Testing	yes	
10	Testing Engineers-San Diego	yes	
11	Testing Services & Inspections, Inc.		no