

**CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: 9/7/2010

Reviewed by: BP

SUBJECT: Authorization to issue Request for Qualifications for Consulting Services for Design and Development of a City Maintenance Center

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Authorize staff to issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Consulting Services for design and development of a City Maintenance Center.

BACKGROUND

The City's current maintenance center is located at 548 Cleveland Avenue. The facility is leased. The City has had to move the maintenance center several times, and the public would be better served by purchase of a permanent facility. It is also in the City's best financial interest to own a facility rather than leasing.

The City has been considering several locations for a future maintenance center, including the parcel at 1150 Eighth Street in Berkeley (usually referred to as the USPS parcel). There are some additional options available, each of which comes with a differing set of opportunities and challenges, financially and in terms of design, development, and construction. Real estate negotiations are on-going at this point.

City staff is currently working on assessing these options. An RFQ will allow the city to consider the selection of a consultant with the experience to determine feasibility and implement the project in a timely and efficient manner.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT

Any facility that the City builds will meet building standards for green and energy efficient building.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

No financial impact at this time.