

September 8, 2011

Board of Directors  
Eastern Kern APCD  
2700 "M" Street, Suite 302  
Bakersfield, CA 93301

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Agreement with American Ecotech LLC to provide Annual Maintenance, Training and Support

Honorable Board:

The Tehachapi Air Monitoring Station and equipment was installed by American Ecotech LLC (Ecotech). The EKAPCD staff does not possess the expertise or the equipment to provide some of the specialized services necessary for maintenance of the air monitoring equipment at the Tehachapi Air Monitoring Station. These tasks are done by the Air Resources Board (ARB) staff at our other monitoring stations. ARB has cut back on staff and resources that support air monitoring and will not consider taking on work at non-mandated sites.

Ecotech is the most qualified firm to provide maintenance and support to assist the EKAPCD in maintaining the station and data collection system. Ecotech is willing to provide these services at a twenty five percent (25%) discount of their normal charges. This Agreement provides for a total of five on-site days in two separate trips by American Ecotech technicians to provide semiannual service to the instrumentation and training to the staff at a cost of \$7,000. The Agreement also provides for up to 50 hours of additional remote support. The not-to-exceed cost of the Agreement is \$13,750, and it is expected that less than seventy per cent of that will actually be spent by the end of the agreement.

Four copies of the proposed agreement, a sample copy of which is attached, were sent to the applicant to approve by signature and are expected to be returned to District prior to the Board Meeting. If any significant changes are identified by the applicant, the item will be withdrawn and the Agreement will be held to the November 2011 Board Meeting.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** your Board approve and authorize Chairman to sign Agreement No. 09-025-2011 with American Ecotech LLC.

Sincerely,

David L. Jones  
Air Pollution Control Officer

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Attachment