

**DRAFT**  
**Statement of Work**  
**Exide Community Technical Advisor**

Need

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is seeking a contractor to act as a technical advisor to the community impacted by its decisions and work related to the Exide Technologies former battery recycling plant in Vernon.

DTSC is overseeing the closure of the Exide plant and the cleanup of residential properties affected by lead emissions from Exide. Approximately 218 residential properties have been identified in two assessment areas as being the most impacted by emissions. Most of these properties have been sampled and show levels of lead that require cleanup. Many of the yards have already been cleaned. Other residential areas have been sampled and may require cleanup.

Community interest around the Exide facility has been strong for several years. Exide operated under an “interim status” designation for more than 30 years. Under this designation, Exide was allowed to operate until it could get a full Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) permit from DTSC to store and treat hazardous waste. Although permit applications were received on at least three different occasions between the years 1990 and 2015, DTSC did not make a final decision on granting or denying the company’s request for a full permit. The lack of a full RCRA permit received considerable attention from the community, elected officials and the media. In addition, DTSC’s oversight of the facility’s compliance with state and federal hazardous waste standards has come under criticism.

In February 2015, DTSC informed the facility that it (DTSC) would begin the process of denying the permit application, and ordered steps to begin the closure process of the Exide facility. That process has now begun.

In the coming months a number of key documents will be produced that will result in the cleanup of contamination on the facility’s property and in the community. In addition, DTSC in coordination with other regulatory agencies (the South Coast Air Quality Management District, Los Angeles County, and the City of Vernon) will conduct enhanced public involvement to ensure the affected community is fully informed, and has a variety of opportunities to participate in DTSC’s decision-making. This will include an Exide Advisory Group as well as formal and informal avenues for engagement.

The purpose of this Statement of Work is to solicit bids for interested contractors to submit proposals to become a technical advisory to the community during the sampling, closure and cleanup activities.

The Technical Advisor

DTSC is committed to ensuring that the people whose lives were affected by the Exide facility have a say in actions to clean them up. In DTSC’s effort to support and sustain a healthy and

safe community around the former Exide facility, DTSC will work closely to ensure the community has the technical assistance it needs. The Technical Advisor will provide to the community technical help so that residents can better understand the science, regulations and policies of environmental issues associated with DTSC's oversight of the closure and cleanup work associated with the Exide facility.

The key role of the Technical advisory is to support community efforts to get more involved and work productively with DTSC and other agencies associated with this work.

Services provided by the Technical Advisor include, but are not limited to the following work associated with the closure and cleanup work at and around the Exide facility:

- Helping the community understand complex environmental issues
- Interpreting and explaining technical information and answering questions
- Supporting the community's active role in protecting healthy and safe communities and advancing environmental protection
- Providing opportunities for environmental education.
- Bringing diverse groups together and helping them get more involved.
- Offering training.
- Making educational presentations.
- Assessing technical needs.
- Helping community members of the Advisory Group
- Facilitation
- Developing information materials for community
- Reviewing preliminary site assessment/site investigation data;
- Participating in public meetings to help interpret information about site conditions, proposed remedies, and the implementation of a remedy; and
- Visiting the site vicinity periodically during cleanup, if possible, to observe progress and provide technical updates

#### Qualifications

The Technical Advisor must have the following qualifications:

- A demonstrated knowledge of hazardous or toxic waste issues, redevelopment issues, public health, or relocation policies and relocation-related issues.
- Academic training in science, public health, engineering or a related field.
- No debarment or suspension as a state contractor.
- Demonstrated writing and technical presentation skills, and experience working with community groups.
- Knowledge of the Spanish language.

The Technical Advisory may have expertise in one or more areas, including (but not limited to):

- chemistry
- engineering
- toxicology

- risk assessment
- hydrology
- soil science
- limnology
- geology

### Submittals

Each bidder must submit the following with their proposals:

- A Statement of Qualifications that addresses the contractor's experience and education that relates directly to the qualifications listed above.
- A resume (if the contractor proposes to use more than one person, a resume is required for each additional person who will work on the contract.)
- A list of the conflict of interest documentation required includes:
  - Information on his/her financial and business relationships (if any) with Exide, its contractors or Exide's subdivisions, subsidiaries, affiliates, subcontractors, current clients, and attorneys and agents.
- A proposal that describes the approach, methods, tools and other applicable information needed to accomplish this Statement of Work.
- Costs associated with each phase of the proposed work
- A total cost breakdown per hour and per contractor
- A timeline for meeting with the community, assessing community needs, coordinating with DTSC and other relevant agencies