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**AGENDA ITEM 5c**  
TAC Meeting  
February 5, 2026

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DATE: January 26, 2026  
TO: Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)  
FROM: Stephen Luther, Associate Planner  
SUBJECT: **Consultant Selection for Pavement Management System 2026 Update**

#### **STAFF REPORT**

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##### **Staff's Recommended Action:**

1. Introduce the item as an action item;
2. Allow staff to present the item;
3. Receive public comment;
4. Discuss item and consider making the motion:

“I move that the TAC recommend that the HCAOG Board direct HCAOG’s Executive Director to enter into contract negotiations with NCE to conduct the Pavement Management System update.”

##### **Staff Summary:**

On December 4, 2025, HCAOG released a request for proposal (RFP) to retain the professional services of a qualified firm to assist with the 2026 Pavement Management System Update.

The consultant's primary duties will be to update the pavement management inventory and pavement condition rating surveys for paved streets and roads in the seven cities and the unincorporated areas of the county, including roads on Tribal lands.

Six proposals were received in response to the RFP. The full proposals are attached. The RFP included a cost of services not to exceed \$215,000.

A scoring committee consisting of two HCAOG staff scored the proposals according to the RFP evaluation criteria. Given that there was a clear leader based on HCAOG's scoring and agency staff availability was limited, the top two scoring proposals were reviewed by City of Eureka staff to validate. Based on the results of the scoring, staff recommends contracting with NCE for this service. NCE has provided Pavement Management System Update services to HCAOG in 2011, 2016 and 2021. They have substantial experience working with Regional Transportation Planning Agencies in rural areas of the state. In addition, NCE is the only proposal to clearly state their approach will cover 100% of roadways. Comparatively, other proposals state they would survey single lanes of multi-lane roads.

Scoring Team	ARA	Atlas	Blue Dome	Fugro	NCE	QES
SL	84	74.5	63.25	79.5	97.5	90.25
BB	82	76.25	63	81.25	95.25	84
JW	—	—	—	—	100	98.5
<b>Average Score</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>75.4</b>	<b>63.1</b>	<b>80.4</b>	<b>97.6</b>	<b>90.9</b>

The TAC is being asked to make a recommendation to the HCAOG Board to award the Pavement Management System contract to NCE and authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a professional services contract. Staff plan to bring this item to the Board at their February meeting. If approved by the Board, staff anticipate the work will begin on the contract in March 2026.