


Permanent Park Bathrooms Would Save Taxpayer Money

Some people think that porta-potties are cheap and save taxpayer money. True, the construction is cheap. But the maintenance is rich. **It costs three times as much to service a porta-potty as to clean a permanent restroom.** Currently, the City of Berkeley is paying a big corporation **\$360,000.00** for a three-year contract for porta-potty services. Porta-potties have to be pumped out several times a week. That's where the companies make their money and where the budget bleeds.

Permanent bathrooms would be cheaper. New hybrid flush-vault toilets, like the ones that other cities and the National Park Service installed, contain flush toilets and don't smell. They include water for washing your hands. They don't require sewer hookups. They run on solar power. They can be installed for **less than \$60,000 each**. And they need pumping out only three or four times **a year**.

Porta-potties are stinky and disgusting. They discriminate against women, children, and the disabled. They make Berkeley look bad to regional and international visitors. And, on top of that, they're a bad deal for the taxpayer.

<p style="text-align: center;">PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT</p> <p>THIS CONTRACT is between the CITY OF BERKELEY ("City"), a Charter City organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, and United Site Service of California, Inc ("Contractor"), a corporation doing business at 845 92nd Avenue, Oakland, Ca, who agree as follows:</p> <p>1. SCOPE OF SERVICES</p> <p>Contractor agrees to perform all services described in Exhibit A, in accordance with its stated terms and conditions. Exhibit A is attached to and made a part of this Contract.</p> <p>2. PAYMENT</p> <p>For services referred to in Section 1, City will pay Contractor a total amount not to exceed \$360,000.00. City shall make payments to Contractor in accordance with the provisions described in Exhibit B, which is attached to and made a part of this Contract.</p> <p>3. TERM</p> <p>a. This Contract shall begin on October 1, 2019 and end on September 30, 2021, with an option to extend for three 12 month periods. The City Manager of the City may extend the term of this contract by giving written notice.</p> <p>b. Either party may terminate this Contract for default upon five (5) days' written notice to the other if the other party has substantially failed to fulfill any of its obligations under this Contract in a timely manner. City may terminate this Contract at its convenience and without cause upon thirty (30) days written notice to Contractor. Except as provided in this Contract, in no event shall City be liable for costs incurred by or on behalf of Contractor after the effective date of a notice of termination.</p> <p>c. A written notice is deemed served when a party sends the notice in an envelope addressed to the other party to this Contract and deposits it with the U.S. Postal Service, first class mail, postage prepaid. For purposes of this Contract, all notices to City shall be addressed as follows:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">City of Berkeley Parks Recreation & Waterfront 2180 Milvia Street, 3rd Floor Berkeley, California 94704</p> <p>For purposes of this Contract, all notices to Contractor shall be addressed as follows:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Christin Ayres, Account Manager United Site Services of California 845 92nd Ave Oakland, CA 94603</p> <p>d. If City terminates this Contract for convenience before Contractor completes the services in Exhibit A, Contractor shall then be entitled to recover its costs expended up to that point plus a reasonable profit, but no other loss, cost, damage, expense or liability may be claimed, requested or recovered.</p>	 <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">ORIGINAL</p> <p>Above: New hybrid flush-vault restroom recently installed by National Park Service in Pacifica cost less than \$60,000, has flush toilet and sink, uses solar power, and needs pumping out only a few times a year. City would save money going this route.</p> <p>Left: City pays giant corporation \$360,000.00 for porta-potty maintenance -- a big waste of money.</p>
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