



November 1, 2005

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt Plans and Specifications No. G-234 for gas main and service line replacement; authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with ARB, Inc. in an estimated amount of \$6,669,672; and increase appropriations by \$6,669,672 in the Gas Fund (EF 301) in the Long Beach Gas and Oil Department. (Citywide)

**DISCUSSION**

The Long Beach Gas and Oil Department (LBGO) is beginning a six-year capital improvement program to replace aging infrastructure for its natural gas utility. The work will be done on various streets throughout the city and consists primarily of reconstructing portions of the underground natural gas pipeline distribution system. This recommendation is to cover funding of main and service line replacement for fiscal year 2006.

City Council adoption of the plans and specifications and award of the contract are being recommended concurrently to expedite project implementation. The project was advertised for bids on August 20, 2005 and bids were opened on October 12, 2005. Information regarding the bid and ARB, Inc. is available on the attached contract award document.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Richard Anthony and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on October 21, 2005. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, Categorical Exemption Number CEP-01-06 has been issued for this project.

**TIMING CONSIDERATIONS**

City Council action is requested on November 1, 2005, to authorize commencement of this LBGO project. Construction is anticipated to begin in December 2005 and should take approximately 220 business days.

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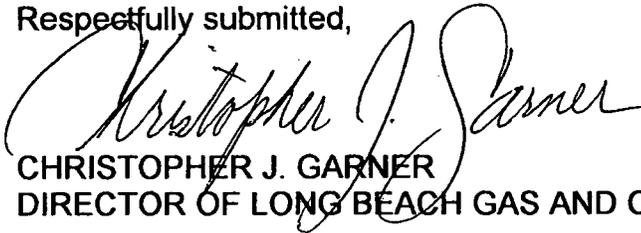
FISCAL IMPACT

The contract award is for an estimated amount of \$6,669,672. There is no General Fund impact, as this project relates to the Gas Fund (EF 301) and will be paid from the commercial paper proceeds program that was approved by City Council on July 12, 2005.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

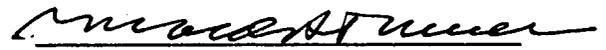


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APPROVED:

  
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CITY MANAGER