

CITY OF LONG BEACH

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DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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December 16, 2008

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute individual contracts with the following environmental consultants for on-call review services: LSA Associates, Inc., PCR Services Corp., RBF Consulting, Rincon Consultants, Inc., and Sapphos Environmental, within the City of Long Beach for a three-year period. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

Since 2003, the City of Long Beach has maintained an on-call list of environmental consultants to be utilized for as-needed environmental review services. The current consultant list was authorized by the City Council in 2005. The list has covered the 2005 to 2008 time period, with each consultant having a not-to-exceed contract. During the past three years, consultants on the list have conducted environmental work under City staff supervision for projects proposed by private developers in the City, as well as for projects and work efforts conducted by the following City departments: City Attorney, Community Development, Parks, Recreation and Marine, Public Works, Redevelopment Agency and Water.

Environmental review services consist primarily of the preparation of analysis documents, such as Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs) or Mitigated Negative Declarations (MNDs) as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), or Environmental Assessments (EAs) or Environmental Impact Statements (EISs) as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). In addition, a consultant might be called upon to conduct a peer review of an environmental document prepared for a proposed project in Long Beach, do Mitigation Monitoring, or be asked to review and prepare written comments on an EIR the City has received for a proposed project in an adjacent jurisdiction.

City staff is requesting to renew the contracts of five consulting firms on the current on-call list. The following firms are recommended for contracts with the City of Long Beach for the provision of environmental review services:

- LSA Associates, Inc.
- PCR Services Corp.
- RBF Consulting
- Rincon Consultants, Inc.
- Sapphos Environmental

The contract with each consulting firm shall be for a three period and shall not exceed \$900,000.

This letter was reviewed by Assistant City Attorney Michael J. Mais on December 1, 2008 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on November 26, 2008.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council approval of this item on December 16, 2008 will ensure that consultants will be available as needed for upcoming environmental review services.

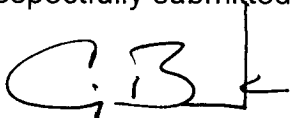
FISCAL IMPACT

All costs incurred for environmental review services will be paid on a project-by-project basis either by the private developer or City department. There will be no fiscal impact to the general fund as a result of the recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:


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