



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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March 3, 2009

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Geographic Solutions, Inc., for a total amount of \$104,000, for the period of January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The Workforce Investment Network (Network) administers the Workforce Investment Act and other federal, state, and local employment and training funds received by the City. Those funds support job training programs and business services delivered by the Career Transition Center, the Youth Opportunity Center, Center for Working Families, Harbor WorkSource Center, and selected community-based organizations to assist local residents in acquiring skills that lead to employment in demand occupations by local employers.

The Network procured Geographic Solutions' web-based Virtual One-Stop (VOS) application through a Request for Proposals process in 2002 (and subsequently, in 2006) to serve as its integrated data collection, customer tracking and job matching system. The VOS application allows for automated customer registration, vocational assessment, electronic case management, and required weekly data uploads to the State of California. It also provides job seekers with online job matching capacity that pulls job openings from all major job boards around the country, eliminating the need for residents to browse jobs of multiple entities.

Staff re-negotiated contract line items with the vendor, reducing total expenditures from 2008 by \$14,000. Based on data management requirements and modules utilized by the Workforce Investment Network, quarterly costs for operation of the system will be \$26,000 or \$104,000 for the year.

This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Gary J. Anderson on February 10, 2009 and Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on February 10, 2009.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on March 3, 2009 to facilitate processing of required documents.

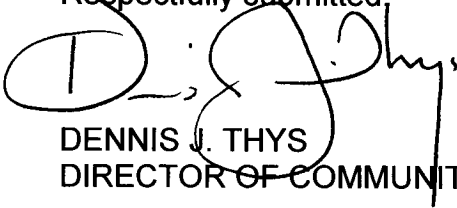
FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient funds are currently appropriated in the Community Development Grants Fund (SR 150) in the Department of Community Development (CD) to support activities in FY09. Costs that will be incurred in the fourth quarter of the contract will be appropriated via the FY10 budget process. There is no impact to the General Fund.

SUGGESTED ACTION;

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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