



# Building A Better Long Beach

February 1, 2010

## REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEMBERS

City of Long Beach

California

### RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and authorize the Executive Director to execute the First Amendment to the Agreement with Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$300,000 for landscape architecture services. (All Project Areas – Citywide)

### DISCUSSION

In 2007, a Request for Proposals (RFP) process was conducted to secure landscape architectural services. A committee reviewed the submitted proposals and selected eight firms based upon the firms' proposals, oral interviews, experience, references, and range of services. On September 17, 2007, the Redevelopment Agency (Agency) approved as-needed landscape architectural service contracts with the eight firms. Each of the firms was issued a contract for a maximum authorized amount of \$600,000 per contract over a three-year period. The contracts do not obligate the Agency to spend the full amount, but helps expedite the pre-development process.

Improving and enhancing the public infrastructure has always been an important goal of the Agency. Staff is currently involved in many improvement projects, including park expansion and streetscape projects that require landscape architectural services. In February 2009, the Agency issued a RFP for the Pine Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project (Project) among the firms that already had contracts with the Agency to provide landscape architectural services. Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc. (MIG) was selected based on their compelling proposal to provide design solutions for improving Pine Avenue and a commitment to gathering community input.

The Project will include enhancements such as sidewalk widening, street furniture, lighting, trees, decorative hardscapes, and public art. The improvement area will include Pine Avenue from Shoreline Drive to Eighth Street, including east/west connections along Third Street and Broadway (from Pacific Avenue to Long Beach Boulevard) and First Street (from Pacific Avenue to Elm Avenue). Though the original scope and budget for the Project did not include sidewalk widening, feedback received from the community clearly reflected a desire to increase the pedestrian right-of-way. The

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increased scope results in additional design and preparation of construction documents required by the realignment of Pine Avenue. To date, approximately \$173,000 has been spent on surveying existing conditions, public outreach, and developing conceptual plans. The total Project cost, not including construction, is estimated to be \$585,000. The current contract will expire on October 31, 2010. Due to the large-scale nature of the Project, and to allow for sufficient funds for other Agency projects, staff recommends an amendment allowing a three-year extension and an appropriation in an amount not to exceed \$300,000, for a total contract amount of \$900,000.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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