



Building A Better Long Beach

September 20, 2010

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEMBERS

City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and authorize the Executive Director to execute a Second Amendment to the Agreement with EDAW AECOM for the preparation of the Downtown Community Plan and Program Environmental Impact Report that would extend the term for 180 days. (Central, Downtown – Districts 1, 2)

DISCUSSION

On April 7, 2008, the Redevelopment Agency (Agency) approved a contract with EDAW AECOM (EDAW) for the preparation of the Downtown Community Plan (Plan) and Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for an amount not to exceed \$600,000. On September 21, 2009, the Agency Board approved a First Amendment to the Agreement to extend the contract for one year and increase the contract in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

Since then, City staff and EDAW have conducted extensive analyses and revisions to the draft Plan and EIR in order to respond to the comments and insight gained from the extensive outreach that was conducted last year. The final revisions are being made to the draft EIR and Plan. In order to bring this important project to fruition, the EIR and Plan will need to be circulated to the public and presented to the Agency Board, Planning Commission and City Council for final review and approval as required.

To that end, staff is recommending an extension to the contract with EDAW to allow for final revisions and public hearings. The current contract expired on September 18, 2010. An amendment allowing a 180-day extension will allow the Plan and EIR to be adopted in early 2011. No additional funds are being requested.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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