



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

# C-11

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February 20, 2007

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

## RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to increase the contract between the City of Long Beach and The Bridge from \$150,000 to \$250,000 to provide additional high-growth training and placement opportunities with good wages and clear career paths to out-of-school youth in Long Beach. (Citywide)

## DISCUSSION

At the City Council meeting of September 12, 2006, the City Council authorized execution of contracts to various community and education-based organizations to provide youth development services for Long Beach youth. The Bridge was approved for a contract in the amount of \$150,000 to provide education, support and training to 30 older youth in order to secure jobs in high wage/high growth utility industry positions such as Water Distribution Technician, Water Main Maintenance Operator, Gas Pipe Line Worker, Meter Reader, and Construction Laborer. Demand for trained workers in utility and ancillary industries is high, and the Bridge's similar successful program in other areas of Southern California has proven an effective vocational training path for young adults not likely to attend a four-year university.

Core training will be conducted in conjunction with the Utility Workers Apprenticeship Training Trust and the Southern California Pipe Trades Apprenticeship Program. The Bridge also includes certifications in handling hazardous materials, working in confined space, CPR and first aid, and Cal OSHA health and safety practices. To assist with job placement on this project, the Bridge has strong labor and business partnerships through the Utility Workers of America Region 5, Western States Utility Workers Industry Apprenticeship and Training Trust, Utility Worker Locals 132 and 256, Southern California Gas Company, American Water Company and the Southern California Pipe Trades Apprenticeship Program. Average hourly wages at placement for participating youth are planned between \$12.50 and \$14.75.

Consistent with local priorities to best prepare Long Beach youth and young adults for careers that provide sustainable lifestyles through wages, benefits and growth opportunities, the Department is requesting to augment its pending contract with the

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Bridge to train and place an additional 20 young persons for a total of 50. All other contract terms will remain the same.

This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Gary J. Anderson on February 6, 2007 and Budget and Performance Management Bureau Manager David Wodynski on February 7, 2007.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on February 20, 2007 to allow sufficient time to process the contract document.

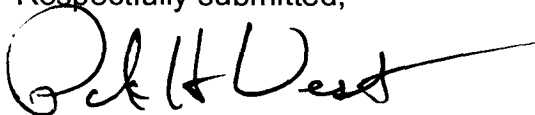
FISCAL IMPACT

Workforce Investment Act funding will be used to support this effort. Sufficient funds are currently budgeted in the Community Development Grants Fund (SR 150) in the Department of Community Development (CD). There is no impact on the General Fund.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.


Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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