



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

333 WEST OCEAN BOULEVARD • LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA 90802

R-19

September 1, 2009

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary agreements with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to receive \$452,212 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds to operate a Brownfields Job Training program; to execute all necessary documents with subcontractors in an amount totaling \$228,500; and to execute any needed subsequent amendments. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The Workforce Investment Network (Network) collaborated with a consortium of community partners in response to a solicitation from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Brownfields Job Training Grant Solicitation by submitting a proposal for Bioneers Academy Program (Academy).

The Academy will facilitate residents entering and progressing along career pathways in "green collar" jobs on Brownfields sites and/or environmental work involving the cleanup and redevelopment of other contaminated sites. During participation in the Academy, residents will receive an orientation to both entry level and career pathways in demand, industry-recognized skills certifications, job readiness training/placement and other workforce preparation assistance sufficient to obtain and advance through established career pathways in environmental or green jobs.

The Academy will train 100 participants, graduate 70 students, place 53 graduates in environmental jobs, and track graduates for one year after job placement. The training program will consist of four 26-week, 350-hour cycles over two years. Courses will include OSHA 30-hour health and safety certification, HAZWOPER certification, and asbestos, lead, and mold abatement certification. All training will be conducted by qualified providers and will include 60 hours of on-site experience. The Network and its partners will connect with the business community and an extensive network of environmental employers to place graduates with appropriate employers.

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

September 1, 2009

Page 2

Program and community outreach partners include the Network's Board, the City's Community Development Department and Office of Sustainability, Long Beach Unified School District's School for Adults, Long Beach Community Action Partnership, Forward Step and Creation World. Those partners who will receive a sub-contract for services through this project are outlined in Exhibit A (Attached).

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Gary J. Anderson on August 11, 2009, and by Budget and Performance Management Bureau Manager, David Wodynski on August 14, 2009.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on September 1, 2009 in order to facilitate processing of required documents.

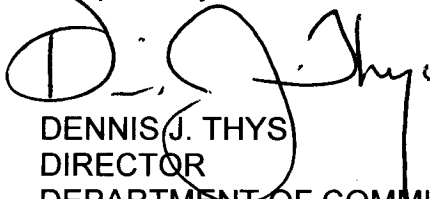
FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient funds are currently appropriated in the Community Development Grants Fund (SR 150) in the Department of Community Development (CD). This appropriation will support the estimated initial outlays in FY 09. Funding for next fiscal year's activities will be requested in FY 10. There is no impact to the General Fund.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



DENNIS J. THYS
DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

DJT:BSR:mh
9-1-09 Brownsfields v3.doc
Attachment: Exhibit A

APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER

EXHIBIT A

Name of Partner	Role and Responsibility	Current Contract Terms	Requested Amendment	New Contract Terms
Creation World	Will provide CPR/First Aid, OSHA/30, HAZWOPER, and Asbestos/Lead/Mold Abatement training.	Contract No. 30421 \$326,000 6/11/07 – 2/28/10	Add: \$210,000 Add: 1 year	\$ 536,000 6/11/07 – 2/28/11
Forward Step	Will provide general or life skills education, such as remedial classes in math and reading; job readiness training such as developing resumes.	Contract No. (None*) \$75,000 07/1/09 – 6/30/10	Add: \$18,500 Add: 1 year	\$ 93,500 7/1/09 – 6/30/10

* Currently serves as training vendor with a Blanket Purchase Order (BPO); this action will allow increase in BPO amount or convert the existing BPO into a contract.