



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

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August 9, 2011

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents with the United States Department of Transportation and/or its designated pass-through agency, the State Department of Transportation, to receive a grant totaling \$230,789 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) or Other funds, to provide training and placement services in construction and other building trades; to execute all necessary documents with subcontractors in an amount totaling \$100,000; and to execute any needed subsequent amendments. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

Pacific Gateway (Pacific Gateway) is an ongoing sub-contractor to the United States Department of Transportation's (DOT) Federal Highways Administration via State Department of Transportation (Caltrans) funds that are utilized to provide construction trades training and apprenticeship readiness assistance to residents. This training and placement program was developed to correspond to local construction industry opportunities for skilled workers, and to provide low-income residents a range of rewarding career options in construction. The funding has supported community needs through the provision of intensive work/life skills training, basic skills tutoring, industry certifications and assistance in preparing to enter union apprenticeships.

In December 2009, Pacific Gateway responded to a Solicitation for Proposals offered by the DOT, in order to compete for additional training and placement funding for the Region. A grant award of \$230,789 in ARRA funds to Pacific Gateway was announced in April 2010, along with thirty-four other grantees across the country. After an extended delay, Pacific Gateway received notice of the State's intent to advance the contract process in July 2011. For this specific funding, approximately 125 individuals will be assisted through the program, focusing on training and placement activities from approximately June 2012 through May 2013.

Pacific Gateway will partner with Creation World Safety, Inc., Global Environmental Network Inc., as well as various workshop presenters, to ensure that ancillary project outreach, case management, and job development services, in conjunction with Network staff overseeing the project, are provided to residents and businesses. A hands-on skills training provider will be procured in the coming months. Contracts and agreements for services through this project are requested as follows:

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ENTITY	ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES	CONTRACT AMOUNT	CONTRACT TERM
Creation World Safety, Inc.	CPR/First Aid, OSHA/30, HAZWOPER, and Asbestos/Lead/ Mold Abatement Training	Up to \$50,000	4/1/2012 – 6/30/2013
Global Environmental Network, Inc.	CPR/First Aid, OSHA/30, HAZWOPER, and Asbestos/Lead/ Mold Abatement Training	Up to \$50,000	4/1/2012 – 6/30/2013

This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Gary J. Anderson on July 18, 2011 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on July 21, 2011.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on August 9, 2011 in order to facilitate processing of required documents.

FISCAL IMPACT

The receipt of grant funds is not currently budgeted. Therefore, an appropriation increase of \$115,000 in the Community Development Grants Fund (SR 150) in the Human Resources Department (HR) will be included as part of the Fiscal Year 2012 (FY 12) budget process. There is no impact to the General Fund. Approval of this recommendation will result in job training, skills enhancement, and employment opportunities for 125 individuals.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



DEBORAH R. MILLS
DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER