



Building A Better Long Beach

Item 8

June 2, 2008

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEMBERS
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and authorize the Executive Director to enter into agreements with Bennett Construction, Encore Image, Fast Track Construction and Howard CDM in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 per firm for commercial facade improvement construction and building rehabilitation services. (All Project Areas – Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The Redevelopment Agency (Agency) administers a Commercial Facade Improvement Program (Program) to further its corridor revitalization efforts and to assist businesses. The Program involves the rehabilitation and improvement of commercial building facades along target corridors, as nominated by Agency staff or the project area committees. The sizeable success of the Program in revitalizing the City's corridors has increased demand for this revitalization tool. As a result, the Agency plans to complete more than 55 projects over the next three years throughout the Downtown, Central, North and West Long Beach Industrial Redevelopment Project Areas.

To better facilitate the completion of various façade projects, staff conducted extensive outreach to solicit qualified general contractors. In response, the Agency received fourteen proposals. Of the total submissions, seven firms were interviewed and four were selected. The following firms were selected:

- Bennett Construction
- Encore Image
- Fast Track Construction
- Howard CDM

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The selected general contractors provide project construction services and are capable of handling landlord and tenant improvements, interior and exterior remodels, historical building and ADA retrofits, cost estimating, and project management. The selected general contractors have an average of eighteen years of professional experience working with government and private agencies.

Staff proposes to enter into agreements with each of these firms. This affords the Agency the ability to use each general contractor's services on an as-needed basis. The availability of multiple general contractors will ensure that projects are initiated and completed in a timely manner. The term of each agreement will be for three years, for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 per firm.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Adopt recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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CRAIG BECK
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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