

October 6, 2020

**C-31**

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to amend Agreement No. 33498 with Hirsch & Associates, Inc., of Anaheim, CA; Agreement No. 33499 with MLA Green, Inc., of Los Angeles, CA; Agreement No. 33504 with RJM Design Group, Inc., of San Juan Capistrano, CA; Agreement No. 33059 with Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc., dba MIG, Inc. (formerly Calvin R. Abe & Associates, Inc., dba AHBE Landscape Architects), for as-needed landscape architectural services, to extend the term of contracts for an additional one-year period through August 1, 2021. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

City Council approval is requested to amend the four agreements to extend the term of the contracts for an additional one-year period through August 1, 2021, with the existing firms (mentioned above) for as-needed landscape architectural design services.

On July 22, 2014, the City Council adopted Specifications No. RFP PW-14-005 and awarded contract agreements to the four firms mentioned in the recommendation. These firms provide as-needed professional landscape architectural design services. On June 13, 2017, the City Council approved the recommendation to extend the term of the contracts to August 1, 2020, and added an additional \$4,000,000 for a new aggregate contract amount not to exceed \$7,000,000, as a result of increased work related to Measure A. These firms are used to design new parks, playgrounds, trails, street landscaping or improvement of existing open spaces, and accessibility upgrades.

The current agreements expired August 1, 2020, and the City has exhausted all extensions provided in the contracts. Extending the term an additional year will ensure continuity of current project deliverables. The requested action will provide adequate time for staff to complete a new procurement process without interruption to services.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Erin Weesner-McKinley on September 9, 2020, Deputy Finance Director Sandy Tsang-Palmer on September 14, 2020, and Budget Analysis Officer Julissa José-Murray on September 17, 2020.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council Action is requested on October 6, 2020, to ensure uninterrupted continuation of services.

FISCAL IMPACT

If approved, this recommendation will extend the contract terms for a one-year period, through August 1, 2021. The aggregate contract authority for as-needed landscaping architectural design services will remain the same at \$7,000,000. To date, City staff have authorized approximately \$5.6 million in work under the existing landscaping architectural service agreements. There is no additional appropriation requested at this time. Any work not currently budgeted will only proceed at such time that appropriations have been approved by the City Council. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

APPROVED:



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CITY MANAGER