

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: JUNE 11, 2007

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES ASSOCIATES (ESA) TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES IN THE PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) FOR THE ART CENTER COLLEGE OF DESIGN 2008-2033 MASTER PLAN

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Environmental Science Associates (ESA), for \$250,000 in the preparation of an EIR for the Art Center College of Design Master Development Plan. Competitive bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002 (F) for contracts for professional or unique services.

BACKGROUND

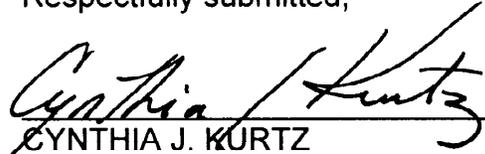
The Art Center College of Design has filed an application for a Master Plan with the City of Pasadena to allow for proposed new development at the campus located at 1600 Lida Street in the Linda Vista district of the City. The Art Center College of Design Master Plan will represent regulations that will cover all aspects of development within the campus boundaries.

The proposed project is subject to CEQA and an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be prepared. The Initial Study, to be circulated for public review and comment during the scoping process, will focus the scope of review and identify potentially significant environmental impacts for further analysis in the project EIR. Staff anticipates that technical studies will be required for the following impacts areas: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Geology and Soils, Hydrology and Water Quality. In addition, technical studies may be required for the following impacts areas subject to completion of an Initial Study: Cultural Resources, Public Services, Utilities and Service Systems subject to analysis and circulation of the Initial Study. The expected timeline for the project EIR for the Art Center Master Plan is 11 months. The consultant's work is expected to commence in June 2007 and continue into April 2008.

FISCAL IMPACT

Consistent with City policy, the applicant will pay the full cost of preparing and adopting the Environmental Impact Report, including all consultant and staff expenditures. The applicant, the Art Center, will deposit a check with the City in the full amount of the EIR for preparing the Environmental Impact Report.

Respectfully submitted,



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City Manager

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JRP 

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City of Pasadena Taxpayer Protection Amendment of 2000
Pasadena City Charter, Article XVII**

Contractor/Organization hereby discloses its trustees, directors, partners, officers, and those with more than a 10% equity, participation, or revenue interest in Contractor/Organization, as follows:
(If printing, please print legibly. Use additional sheets as necessary.)

1. Contractor/Organization Name:

Environmental Science Associates (ESA)

2. Name(s) of trustees, directors, partners, officers of Contractor/Organization:

<u>see attached</u>

3. Names of those with more than a 10% equity, participation or revenue interest in Contractor/Organization:

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Date: June 6, 2007

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