

Agenda Report

June 22, 2015

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Department of Public Works

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH ROBERT BARSAM AND TTG ENGINEERS TO PROVIDE ON-CALL STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000 FOR EACH CONSULTANT

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3). The General Rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment;
2. Authorize City Manager to enter into a contract without competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F), contract for professional or unique services, with Robert Barsam for On-Call Structural Engineering Professional Services for two years in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 per year for a total of \$200,000; and
3. Authorize City Manager to enter into a contract without competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F), contract for professional or unique services with TTG Engineers for On-Call Structural Engineering Professional Services for two years in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 per year for a total of \$200,000.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Public Works is seeking qualified on-call structural engineering consultants to provide professional services for City projects on an as-needed basis, including but not limited to bridge replacement, bridge rehabilitation, retaining walls, and building structures. The scope of the work may include design oversight; review of plans, specifications, and cost estimates; coordination with other City departments and outside agencies; and construction engineering or construction management.

The Department of Public Works issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for On-Call Structural Engineering Services on November 11, 2014. The City received nine proposals on December 11, 2014 in response to the RFP. Below is a list of proposers:

Firm	City	
Robert Barsam	Los Angeles	Short-Listed
TTG Engineers	Pasadena	
KPFF Consulting Engineers	Pasadena	
Worley Parsons	Monrovia	Others
Wheeler & Gray, Inc.	Pasadena	
Costa & Associates	West Covina	
Coffman Engineers	Encino	
Nabih Youssef Associates	Los Angeles	
Brandow & Johnston, Inc.	Los Angeles	

Based on the evaluation procedures and criteria specified in the RFP, the firms were scored and ranked by the selection committee. The top three ranked consulting firms, which included two Pasadena firms, were interviewed by the evaluation committee on April 8, 2015. Attachment A contains a summary of the proposal, interview, and total scoring. Robert Barsam and TTG Engineers were ranked number one and two respectively, and both are recommended to be selected to provide On-Call Structural Engineering Professional Services.

Mr. Barsam is a retired Structural Engineer with over 35 years of professional experience working for LA County, and over 10 years as a structural engineering consultant. He has managed the design and construction of locally, state and federally funded bridge projects. He has been working with the City of Pasadena since 2003 and has helped staff prepare plans, specifications and estimates (PS&E) for the Flint Wash Bridge, La Loma Road Bridge, the City's Bridge Preventive Maintenance Program, and several other building projects.

TTG Engineers is a local Pasadena business and has almost 60 years of consulting experience providing structural engineering services on bridge and building projects. They have previously worked on several City projects including the Pasadena Ice Rink, Fire Stations 32, 33 and 39, and Villa Parke Community Center.

Based on the scoring, as shown on Attachment A, it is recommended that the City enter into contracts with Robert Barsam and TTG Engineers for an amount not to exceed \$200,000 each over a two-year term commencing the date that each contract is fully executed.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The contracts are consistent with the City Council's goals to improve, maintain and enhance public facilities and infrastructure, support and promote the quality of life and local economy, and ensure public safety.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

These contracts are exempt from CEQA review pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3). The contracts are covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to the provisions of CEQA. These contracts would retain consultants for professional engineering services only. The specific designs and subsequent construction of capital improvement projects will be subject to appropriate project-level environmental review at the time each is brought forward for first discretionary action.

FISCAL IMPACT:

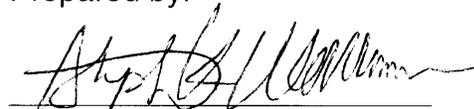
The cost of these contracts is a maximum of \$400,000 over two years. Funding for this action exists within budgeted capital project appropriations in the Capital Improvement Program. Attachment B contains a list of potential projects. It is anticipated that all of the costs for these two-year contracts will be spent in FY 2016 and FY 2017. There are support costs such as contract administration and site inspections which are already included in the operating and capital budgets.

Respectfully submitted,



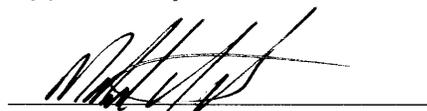
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Attachment A – Consultant Scoring and Ranking
Attachment B – List of Potential Projects