

# Agenda Report

**DATE:** MARCH 6, 2000

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** CITY MANAGER

**SUBJECT:** AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PARSONS HARLAND BARTHOLOMEW & ASSOCIATES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,000 FOR THE PREPARATION OF A SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT TO THE WEST GATEWAY SPECIFIC PLAN

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Parsons Harland Bartholomew & Associates for an amount not to exceed \$65,000 for consulting services to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report to the West Gateway Specific Plan Environmental Impact Report. The proposed contract is exempt from competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F) contracts for professional or unique services.
- 2) Grant this contract an exemption from the competitive selection process of the Affirmative Action in Contracting Ordinance pursuant to section 4.09.060[C], contracts for which the City's best interests are served.

## BACKGROUND

In July of 1998 the City Council certified the Final Program Environmental Impact Report for the West Gateway Specific Plan. The document had been prepared by Parsons Harland Bartholomew & Associates under a City Council approved contract. Since this time, Legacy Partners Inc. has filed for a Development Agreement with the City of Pasadena for the purpose of defining the land use entitlements required to implement the Ambassador Campus Master Plan (the "Ambassador Project"). Based on a preliminary Initial Environmental Study, it has been determined that a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report will be required to evaluate the site-specific environmental effects which either (1) were not examined in the West Gateway Specific Plan Program EIR, (2) are shown by substantial new information to be more significant than as described in the Program EIR.

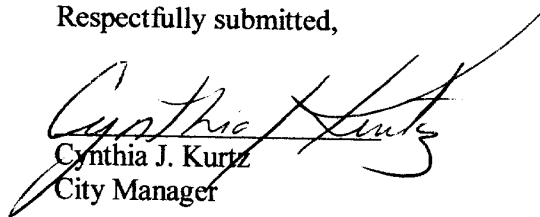
Rather than undertake a competitive selection process to identify a consulting firm to perform these services, staff recommends utilizing the firm of Parsons Harland Bartholomew & Associates. The firm possesses a unique understanding of environmental issues related to the Ambassador site and would be preparing supplemental work to their original Program EIR. Were the City to contract with another consultant to perform these services, significant time and cost would be associated having to familiarize themselves with the relevant environmental issues and analysis. Additionally, Parsons Harland Bartholomew & Associates has demonstrated a high level of service and professionalism. For these reasons, it is recommended that the City Council award a contract to Parsons Harland Bartholomew & Associates and an exemption from the Competitive Selection process of the Affirmative Action in Contracting Ordinance.

Parsons Harland Bartholomew & Associates Inc has completed the required affirmative action forms and is in compliance with the Living Wage Ordinance as well.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

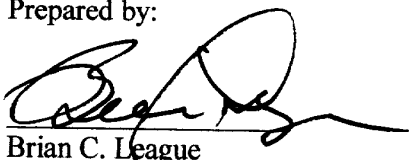
Consistent with City policy, the developer will pay the full cost of preparing and adopting the Supplemental EIR. The applicant, Legacy Partners, will deposit a check with the City in the amount of \$65,000 with the Planning & Permitting Department to cover all the consultant costs in preparing the Supplemental EIR.

Respectfully submitted,




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