

DATE: JUNE 11, 2024

FROM: ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ - FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT NOS. 22-9889 AND 23-9954 AND CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION FROM RAMBOLL US CONSULTING, INC. TO RAMBOLL AMERICAS ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS, INC.

SUMMARY:

Staff requests approval of the First Amendment and Assignment and Assumption of Agreement Nos. 22-9889 and 23-9954 (collectively, the Agreements) from Ramboll US Consulting, Inc. (Ramboll) to Ramboll Americas Engineering Solutions, Inc. (Ramboll Americas). Ramboll was awarded the Agreements to support the efforts of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Air Quality groups in the Environmental Management Division (EMD), respectively.

As of September 1, 2023, Ramboll US Consulting, Inc. consolidated into its sister operations entity, Ramboll Americas Engineering Solutions, Inc. The First Amendment would allow a one-time assignment from Ramboll US Consulting, Inc. to Ramboll Americas Engineering Solutions, Inc. All other terms and conditions of the Agreements will remain unchanged. The City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) will continue to be financially responsible for payment of expenses incurred under these Agreements.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board):

1. Find that the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is administratively exempt from the requirements of the CEQA under Article II Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines;
2. Approve the First Amendment to Agreement Nos. 22-9889 and 23-9954 to allow a one-time assignment to Ramboll Americas Engineering Solutions, Inc., effective September 1, 2023;
3. Approve the Assignment and Assumption of Agreement Nos. 22-9889 and 23-9954 and consent thereto, effective September 1, 2023;
4. Authorize the Executive Director and the Board Secretary to execute and attest to said First Amendments for and on behalf of the Board;
5. Authorize the Executive Director and the Board Secretary to execute and attest to said Assignment and Assumptions for and on behalf of the Board; and

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6. Adopt Resolution No. _____.

DISCUSSION:

Background/Context – On September 14, 2022, the Board approved Agreement No. 22-9889 with Ramboll to provide as-needed environmental documentation and special studies over a term of three years and a total not-to-exceed amount of \$2,250,000. On April 12, 2023, the Board approved Agreement No. 23-9954 with Ramboll to provide support for a wide variety of air quality studies and programs for a term of three years and a total not-to-exceed amount of \$500,000.

As of September 1, 2023, Ramboll was consolidated into its sister operations entity, Ramboll Americas Engineering Solutions, Inc. The proposed Amendment is required at this time in order to appropriately reflect this consolidation, incorporate the name change into Ramboll's existing Agreements with the Harbor Department and approve the assignment and assumption of the Agreements from Ramboll US Consulting, Inc. to Ramboll Americas Engineering Solutions, Inc. All other terms and conditions of the Agreements remain unchanged.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is the approval of the First Amendment to Agreement Nos. 22-9889 and 23-9954 and the approval of the Assignment and Assumption of said Agreements to Ramboll Americas Engineering Solutions, Inc., which is an administrative activity. Therefore, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is administratively exempt from the requirements of CEQA in accordance with Article II Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This action is administrative in nature to reflect the name change and assignment and assumption of the Agreements from Ramboll US Consulting, Inc. to Ramboll Americas Engineering Solutions, Inc. As such, there is no financial impact associated with this administrative action.

CITY ATTORNEY:

The Office of the City Attorney has prepared and approved the proposed First Amendments and Assignment and Assumptions to Agreement Nos. 22-9889 and 23-9954 as to form and legality.

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TRANSMITTALS:

1. First Amendment to Agreement No. 22-9889
2. Assignment and Assumption of Agreement No. 22-9889
3. First Amendment to Agreement No. 23-9954
4. Assignment and Assumption of Agreement No. 23-9954

FIS Approval: JS (initials)

CA Approval: SO (initials)



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