

DATE: SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

FROM: ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ - FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT NO. 23-9928 BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HARBOR DEPARTMENT AND LEIGHTON CONSULTING, INC. FOR COMPANY NAME CHANGE TO VERDANTAS, INC.

SUMMARY:

Staff requests approval of the First Amendment (Amendment) to Agreement No. 23-9928 (Agreement) to change the consultant's name from Leighton Consulting, Inc. (Leighton) to Verdantas, Inc. (Verdantas). On February 9, 2023, Leighton was one of eight firms awarded an agreement to provide as-needed site assessment and restoration services. The Agreement was approved for a three-year term with a compensation amount not-to-exceed \$3,000,000. In early 2024, Verdantas, LLC acquired Leighton and effective June 1, 2024, changed Leighton's name to Verdantas, Inc. The Amendment is solely administrative in nature to reflect the company name change. All other terms and conditions of the Agreement will remain unchanged. The City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) will continue to be financially responsible for payment of expenses incurred under this Agreement.

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 California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Article II Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines;
2. Approve the First Amendment to Agreement No. 23-9928 to reflect the company's name change to Verdantas, Inc.;
3. Authorize the Executive Director and the Board Secretary to execute and attest to said First Amendment to Agreement No. 23-9928 for and on behalf of the Board; and
4. Adopt Resolution No. _____.

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DISCUSSION:

Background/Context – On February 9, 2023, the Board approved an Agreement with Leighton for a term of three years and a total not-to-exceed compensation amount of \$3,000,000. Leighton was one of eight companies selected to provide as-needed site assessment and restoration services.

The proposed First Amendment (Transmittal 1) for Agreement No. 23-9928 will change the company's name from Leighton Consulting, Inc. to Verdantas, Inc. This is an administrative action. All other terms and conditions of the Agreement remain unchanged.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is the approval of the Amendment to the Agreement to change the consultant's name from Leighton to Verdantas, 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 under Article II Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The proposed action is administrative in nature to reflect a company name change on Agreement No. 23-9928. There is no financial impact associated with this administrative action.

CITY ATTORNEY:

The Office of the City Attorney has reviewed and approved the proposed First Amendment as to form and legality.

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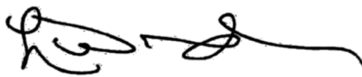
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TRANSMITTALS:

1. First Amendment to Agreement No. 23-9928.

FIS Approval: JS (initials)

CA Approval: SO (initials)



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