



**THE PORT
OF LOS ANGELES**

Executive Director's
Report to the
Board of Harbor Commissioners

DATE: DECEMBER 3, 2013

FROM: CONSTRUCTION

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HARBOR DEPARTMENT AND HARRIS & ASSOCIATES FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE INTERSTATE 110/C STREET INTERCHANGE PROJECT

SUMMARY:

The Interstate 110/C Street Interchange project (Project) will improve traffic flow by combining two closely spaced intersections into one, and constructing a new off-ramp from the northbound Interstate 110 Freeway onto Harry Bridges Boulevard. This proposed professional services agreement (Agreement) provides for construction management services for the construction of the Project. Harris & Associates, located in Los Angeles, California is recommended to provide the required services. The Agreement amount is \$4,244,000, for a duration of three years.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. Find that in accordance with the City Charter Section 1022, work under the subject Agreement can be performed more feasibly by an independent consultant, and is necessary due to a peak in work volumes, current employees committed to other assignments, and a need for freeway construction expertise;
2. Award the three-year Agreement to Harris & Associates in the amount of \$4,244,000; and authorize payment from the Construction Management Services account;
3. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and the Board Secretary to attest to this Agreement for and on behalf of the Board; and
4. Adopt Resolution No. _____.

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DISCUSSION:

Background/Context – On June 16, 2011, State Proposition 1B Trade Corridor Improvement Fund Program – California Transportation Commission “Amended Baseline Agreement” between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) and the State of California, and the “Letter of No Prejudice” request to the California Transportation Commission were approved by the Board.

On December 8, 2011, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and letter of Agreement (LOA) between the Harbor Department and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) for the Project were approved by the Board.

On June 21, 2012, a joint Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) and Environmental Assessment/Finding of No Significant Impact (EA/FONSI) for the Project was approved by the Board.

On September 20, 2012, a Cooperative Agreement between the Harbor Department and the State of California for construction of the Interstate 110/C Street Access Ramp Improvements was approved by the Board.

On October 17, 2013, a Utility Agreement between the Harbor Department and the Department of Water and Power for construction of potable water lines was approved by the Board.

On November 7, 2013, Issuance of a Level III Coastal Development Permit (No. 13-14) for the John S. Gibson Blvd and Harry Bridges Blvd Roadway Widening and Right-of-Way Improvements as part of the Project was approved by the Board.

On November 7, 2013, the Board awarded the Interstate 110/C Street Interchange project construction contract in the amount of \$21,748,950, plus a 10% contingency, to Griffith Company.

This Agreement is for construction management services during the construction of the Project. The Agreement duration is three years (Transmittal 1).

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Harbor Department Construction Division staff, particularly those with freeway construction experience, are not available to adequately support this Project. Staff is currently fully engaged supporting the construction projects totaling over \$700 million. The consultant team, providing staff augmentation, will be led by a Construction Division staff member. Staff also reached out to other City of Los Angeles (City) departments performing these services and found that City staff is unavailable to support this Project. Consultant services are therefore required to provide freeway construction management expertise and augment Harbor Department construction management staff.

Scope of Services – Consultant services will include, but are not limited to, construction management, cost estimating, scheduling, document control, structural observation, and coordination with all stakeholders. The consultant may also provide source inspection services as required by permitting agencies and public outreach.

Selection Process – A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to perform construction management services for construction of the John S. Gibson Blvd/I-110 Freeway Access Ramp Improvements and SR-47/I-110 Freeway Northbound Connector Widening (John S. Gibson), and Interstate 110/C Street Interchange (C Street) projects was sent to over 150 firms and was posted on the Port of Los Angeles website on July 25, 2012. Eleven Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) were received. A selection committee consisting of members from the Construction Division and Caltrans evaluated and ranked the SOQs based on qualifications of the prime and sub-consultants. The following firms were invited to submit a proposal:

- ARCADIS, U.S. (Los Angeles, CA)
- Caltrop (Westlake Village, CA)
- CH2MHill (Los Angeles, CA)
- Harris & Associates (Los Angeles, CA)
- Hill International (Ontario, CA)
- Jacobs Project Mgmt Co. (Irvine, CA) – proposed for John S. Gibson only
- Parsons (Pasadena, CA) – proposed for C Street only

The Harbor Department issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to the above seven firms on January 8, 2013. Due to staffing assignments, ARCADIS, U.S. withdrew from the selection process for both projects. Proposals were received on February 19, 2013, and were evaluated by the evaluation committee. All six firms were invited to deliver a presentation of their proposal to, and answer specific questions from, the evaluation committee.

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The evaluation committee interviewed the six firms and selected Harris & Associates as the most qualified for the C Street project. Jacobs Project Management Co. was selected as the most qualified for John S. Gibson because of their experience with construction management of freeway construction, a good understanding of community and local issues, and its core team's extensive experience with Caltrans freeway construction. Transmittal 2 shows the consultant rankings and evaluation. Transmittal 3 provides the work description for Harris & Associates and their sub-consultants.

The recommendation for award of the construction management services for John S. Gibson will be made under a separate Board report.

Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Program, Very Small Business Enterprise (VSBE) and Sub-Consultant Participation – Harris & Associates has committed to the SBE participation level of 25 percent and VSBE participation of five percent. Their sub-consultants are:

- MBI Media (SBE and VSBE)
- Safework, Inc. (SBE and VSBE)
- Kleinfelder West, Inc.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is approval of a professional services agreement with Harris and Associates for construction management services for the Interstate 110/C Street Interchange project. The Project was assessed in a joint Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and Environmental Assessment/Finding of No Significant Impact which was approved by the Board on June 21, 2012. Therefore, as an activity for which the underlying Project has previously been evaluated for environmental significance and processed according to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is exempt from the requirements of CEQA in accordance with Article II Section 2 (i) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

ECONOMIC BENEFITS:

Spending under this Agreement for construction management services will support the equivalent of 34 direct and 28 secondary one-year equivalent jobs in the five-county region.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Project is budgeted at \$50,000,000, including the work covered under this proposed Agreement. Reimbursement grant funding in the amount of \$20,874,000 has been secured for this Project. The Project is currently on budget and on schedule.

Funds in the amount of \$293,901 for construction management services has been budgeted in the fiscal year 2013/2014 budget in Account 54225 (Construction Management Services), Work Order No. 24852, Center No. 1172, Program No. 000. It is anticipated that funds for this Agreement will be expended as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
FY 2013/2014	\$ 293,901
FY 2014/2015	\$1,800,000
FY 2015/2016	\$1,800,000
<u>FY 2016/2017</u>	<u>\$ 350,099</u>
TOTAL	\$4,244,000

The maximum compensation under this Agreement is \$4,244,000. Approximately \$1.63 million of the contract amount is on a fixed-fee basis, with approximately \$2.614 million of services to be compensated on an hourly basis through individual sub-task project directives.

Although the consultant is not obligated to perform any work under the contract in any fiscal year which no appropriation for the Agreement has been made, the consultant agrees to resume performance of the work required by the contract on the same terms and conditions for a period of 60 days after the end of the fiscal year if an appropriation thereof is approved by the Board within that 60-day period.

The consultant is responsible for maintaining all insurance and bonds during this 60-day period. The time for performance shall be extended during this period until the appropriation is made; however, such extension of time is not compensable.

If in any subsequent fiscal year funds are not appropriated for work required by the contract, the contract shall be terminated. However, such termination shall not relieve the parties of liability for any obligation previously incurred.

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CITY ATTORNEY:

The Office of the City Attorney has prepared and approved the Agreement as to form and legality.

TRANSMITTALS:

1. Agreement between the City of Los Angeles and Harris & Associates
2. Final Evaluation and Rankings
3. Consultant and Sub-consultant Work Description
4. Site Map

FIS Approval:  (Initials)
CA Approval: _____ (Initials)



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