

**DATE:** OCTOBER 29, 2024

FROM: ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - SECOND AMENDMENT TO

AGREEMENT NO. 22-9889 WITH RAMBOLL AMERICAS

**ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS, INC.** 

## **SUMMARY**:

Staff requests approval of the Second Amendment to Agreement No. 22-9889 (Agreement) with Ramboll Americas Engineering Solutions, Inc. (Ramboll) for as-needed California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) environmental documentation and special studies. The Second Amendment would increase the Agreement authority amount by \$500,000 for a new total not-to-exceed amount of \$2,750,000 that will be used to support ongoing environmental assessments. 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 the Agreement.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

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

- 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 Second Amendment to Agreement No. 22-9889 with Ramboll Americas Engineering Solutions, Inc.;
- 3. Authorize the Executive Director and the Board Secretary to execute and attest to said Second Amendment for and on behalf of the Board; and

4	Adopt	Resolution No.	
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#### **DISCUSSION:**

<u>Background/Context</u> – 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.

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On June 27, 2024, the Board approved the First Amendment to the Agreement to reflect a name change for the consolidation of Ramboll with its sister operations entity, Ramboll Americas Engineering Solutions, Inc.

The proposed Second Amendment (Transmittal 1) is required at this time to provide increased compensation in the amount of \$500,000 for current in-process environmental documents that have been assigned to Ramboll under the existing Agreement. All other terms and conditions of the Agreement will remain unchanged.

# **ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**:

The proposed action is the approval of the Second Amendment to Agreement No. 22-9889 with Ramboll, 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:**

Approval of the Second Amendment will increase the total not-to-exceed amount by \$500,000 from \$2,250,000 to \$2,750,000. If the amendment is approved, spending under the Agreement is expected to occur as follows:

Fiscal Year	Operating Budget	Capital Budget	Receivable	Total
Prior Years	25,771	368,830	764,593	1,159,194
FY 2024/2025	47,500	1,333,799	84,507	1,465,806
FY 2025/2026	12,500	112,500	0	125,000
Total	85,771	1,815,129	849,100	2,750,000

Fiscal Year (FY) 2024/2025 funding in the amount of \$47,500 is available within Account 541100 (Environment Assessment Services), Expenditure Organization 42010 (Environmental Management) in the Operating Budget. Funding in the amount of \$1,333,799 is available within Account 161305 (Construction in Progress), Expenditure Organization 00000 (Harbor Global) in the Capital Budget. Funding for future fiscal years will be requested to be budgeted as part of the annual budget adoption process.

## **CITY ATTORNEY:**

The Office of the City Attorney has prepared and approved the proposed Second Amendment to Agreement No. 22-9889 as to form and legality.

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# **TRANSMITTALS**:

1. Second Amendment to Agreement No. 22-9889

FIS Approval: (initials)

CA Approval: SO (initials)

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