



Office of the City Manager

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March 22, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager  
Submitted by: Scott Ferris, Director, Parks Recreation & Waterfront  
Liam Garland, Director, Public Works  
Subject: Amendments to On-Call Architectural Services Contract No. 31900137 (ELS Architecture and Urban Design), Contract No. 31900155 (Siegel & Strain Architects), and Contract No. 31900131 (Noll & Tam Architects)

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Resolutions authorizing the City Manager to:

1. Execute an amendment to Contract No. 31900137 for ELS Architecture and Urban Design increasing the contract amount by \$900,000; and
2. Execute amendments to Contract No. 31900155 for Siegel & Strain Architects, and Contract No. 31900131 for Noll & Tam Architects by increasing the contract amount by \$900,000 each and duration by 9 months each, from June 30, 2022 to March 31, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The following funding source and amount is an estimate as funding for these on-call contracts will be identified and expended only for actual architectural services required. \$2.7M in funding is available in the FY 2022 budget in Measure T1 Fund and additional funding is subject to appropriation in the FY 2023 budget in the T1, Parks Tax and General Funds.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The capital divisions of the Departments of Public Works (PW) and Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront (PRW) require architectural services to implement the City's Capital Improvement Program. Every 3-4 years, PW and PRW conduct a competitive Request For Qualifications process (RFQ) for On-call architectural, landscape architectural, engineering, construction management and a variety of other technical consultant services. This reduces the need for multiple RFQ processes and accelerates the time it takes to complete a project, sometimes by up to two years.

Currently the three On-call architecture firms for the City are ELS Architecture and Urban Design, Siegel & Strain Architects and Noll and Tam Architects. PW and PRW have begun the RFQ process for architecture services that will be awarded at Council later this

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year and result in new On-call contracts being in place by the end of March, 2023. These new on-call contracts will potentially award over \$10M in City work. In the meantime, staff recommends increasing the length of time on two existing On-call contracts by nine months and increasing the spending authority of all three on-call architecture firms by \$900,000 each. The ELS and Urban Design contract length has already been extended to June 30, 2024.

Additional funding for the three existing On-calls is needed to fulfill both departments' needs for current and upcoming projects in design and construction prior to the end of 2022. The current project list in need of these services includes, but is not limited to the following projects:

- Civic Center Design
- Corp Yard Improvement Projects
- Fire Station Upgrades
- John Hinkel Park Amphitheater, 2-12 Play Structure, and Picnic Area
- Right of Way, Harrison and Ohlone Parks and Waterfront Restrooms
- South Berkeley Senior Center Upgrades
- Tom Bates Regional Sports Complex and Restrooms
- West Berkeley Service Center Upgrades

The current contract amounts for both Siegel & Strain and ELS are projected to be depleted by March 31, 2022. This additional funding is required in order to proceed with design and construction services over the next year, especially for T1 projects that must be constructed within the next several years.

The Siegel & Strain contract, as well as the Noll & Tam contract will be increased by \$900,000 to \$2,600,000 each. The ELS contract will be increased by \$900,000 to \$3,500,000.

### BACKGROUND

On August 15, 2018, the City issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for On-Call Architectural Services (Specification No. 18-11235-C). The City received Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) from 15 firms. After evaluation of the SOQs by the review panel, ELS Architecture and Urban Design, Noll & Tam, and Siegel & Strain Architects were among the firms selected.

On January 22, 2019, Council authorized a \$1,700,000 contract for On-call architectural design services with ELS Architecture and Urban Design, Noll & Tam Architects, and Siegel & Strain Architects, respectively, for the period February 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022 (Resolutions No. 68,738-N.S., 68,739-N.S., and 68,740).

On September 14, 2021, the City authorized an amendment to the on-call architectural services contract for ELS Architecture to increase the on-call contract by \$900,000 from

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\$1,700,000 to \$2,600,000 and from June 30, 2022 to June 30, 2024 (Resolution No. 70,023–N.S.)

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

Consultants and City staff evaluate water and energy efficiency upgrade opportunities during the design of improvement and renovation projects. Improving City facilities and reducing water and energy consumption is consistent with the City’s Climate Action Plan goals.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The three On-call firms – ELS Architecture and Urban Design, Siegel & Strain Architects, and Noll & Tam Architects – includes highly-qualified staff for the projects, as previously evaluated through the City’s contracting process. They have the required expertise in design, architecture, project management, and support to meet the City’s on-going capital program needs, and complement the personnel and capacity available in the Public Works and Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Departments to complete existing projects. City staff does not have the expertise to provide architectural services.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None

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Attachments:

- 1: Resolution: ELS Architecture and Urban Design
- 2: Resolution: Siegel & Strain Architects
- 3: Resolution: Noll & Tam Architects

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT NO. 31900137 FOR ON-CALL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES BY ELS ARCHITECTURE AND URBAN DESIGN

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2019, the City Council authorized Contract No. 31900137 with ELS Architecture and Urban Design in an amount not to exceed \$1,700,000 for on-call architectural design services for various Department of Public Works and Department of Parks, Recreation and Waterfront capital improvement projects through June 30, 2022 (Resolution No. 68,738-N.S.); and

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2021, the City Council authorized an amendment to Contract No. 31900137 with ELS Architecture and Urban Design increasing the amount not-to-exceed to \$2,600,000 and contract time to June 30, 2024 (Resolution No. 68,738-N.S.); and

WHEREAS, City staff does not have the expertise to provide architectural services; and

WHEREAS, the current contract not to exceed amount is projected to be depleted by March 31, 2022 and the City has need of ELS Architecture and Urban Design's continued architectural services through June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, funds are available from the Measure T1 Fund.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute an amendment to Contract No. 31900137 with ELS Architecture and Urban Design for architectural services increasing the amount by \$900,000 for a revised contract amount not-to-exceed \$3,500,000.

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT NO. 31900155 FOR ON-CALL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES BY SIEGEL & STRAIN ARCHITECTS

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2019, the City Council authorized Contract No. 31900155 with Siegel & Strain Architects in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,700,000 for On-call architectural design services for various Department of Public Works and Department of Parks, Recreation and Waterfront capital improvement projects through June 30, 2022 (by Resolution No. 68,740-N.S.); and

WHEREAS, City staff does not have the expertise to provide architectural services; and

WHEREAS, the current contract not to exceed amount is projected to be depleted by March 31, 2022 and the City has need of Siegel & Strain's continued architectural services through March 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, funds are available from the Measure T1 Fund.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute an amendment to Contract No. 31900155 with Siegel & Strain Architects for architectural services increasing the amount by \$900,000 for a revised contract amount not-to-exceed \$2,600,000, and extending the contract term by nine months to March 31, 2023.

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AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT NO. 31900131 FOR ON-CALL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES BY NOLL & TAM ARCHITECTS

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2019 by Resolution No. 68,739-N.S. the City Council authorized Contract No. 31900131 with Noll & Tam Architects in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,700,000 for On-call architectural design services for various Department of Public Works and Department of Parks, Recreation and Waterfront capital improvement projects through June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, City staff does not have the expertise to provide architectural services; and

WHEREAS, the current contract not-to-exceed amount is projected to be depleted by March 31, 2022 and the City has need of Noll & Tam's continued architectural services through March 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, funds are available from the Measure T1 Fund.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute an amendment to Contract No. 31900131 with Noll & Tam Architects for architectural services increasing the amount by \$900,000 for a revised contract amount not-to-exceed \$2,600,000, and extending the contract term by nine months to March 31, 2023.