



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
September 14, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
Submitted by: Scott Ferris, Director, Parks Recreation & Waterfront
Subject: Contract No. 31900137 Amendment: ELS Architecture and Urban Design for On-Call Architectural Services

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 31900137 for on-call architectural services with ELS Architecture and Urban Design by increasing the contract amount by \$900,000 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$2,600,000.

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. Funding is available in the FY 2022 budget, and additional funding is subject to appropriation in the FY 2022 budget as noted below.

Measure T1 Fund.....\$900,000

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Departments of Public Works (Public Works) and Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront (Parks) require architectural services to implement the City’s Capital Improvement Program. On January 22, 2019, Council authorized a \$1,700,000 contract for on-call architectural design services with ELS Architecture and Urban Design for the period February 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022 (Resolution No. 69,738-N.S.) The contract amount is projected to be depleted by August 31, 2021, and will require additional funding in order to provide architectural design services for projects currently in design or construction in FY 2022, including the John Hinkel Park Amphitheater Area Improvements Project, the Fire Station #2 Project, and the Willard Clubhouse and Restroom Replacement Project.

Architectural services are also required during the construction phase of projects to respond to design related questions. These architectural design and construction administration services will extend beyond the current June 30, 2022 contract expiration date. Thus, the contract will require an extension through June 30, 2024 in order to provide architectural services through completion of the projected work.

BACKGROUND

The City utilizes on-call consultants to supplement City staff for project design and management, including situations where the nature of the work is specialized, such as architectural design and construction administration. In addition, on-call consultants are an efficient way for the City to meet tightly-run project schedules.

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 and Tam, and Siegel and Strain Architects were among the firms selected, and on January 22, 2019, the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute contracts for On-Call Architectural Services for each of the three firms in the amount of \$1,700,000 from February 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022.

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 firm ELS Architecture and Urban Design includes highly qualified staff for the projects. 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 Department to complete existing projects. Staff plans to issue a new Request for Qualifications for on-call architectural services in 2022 to give Public Works and Parks staff the capacity to continue to provide needed architectural services for future capital improvement projects.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None

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Attachments:

1: Resolution: ELS Architecture and Urban Design

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

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

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2019 by Resolution No. 69,738-N.S. 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; 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 August 31, 2021 and the City has a need for continued architectural services through June 30, 2024 from ELS Architecture and Urban Design; 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 not-to-exceed contract amount of \$2,600,000.

