



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
December 11, 2012

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From:  Christine Daniel, City Manager
Submitted by: Andrew Clough, Director, Public Works
Subject: Contract No. 7524C Amendment: SOHA Engineers for On-Call Structural Engineering Services

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 7524C with SOHA Engineers to provide on-call structural engineering services for 3 City facilities, increasing the contract amount by \$40,500 for a revised not-to-exceed authorization and contract amount of \$139,320 and extending the contract term through June 30, 2013.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Funding is available in the FY 2013 Facilities Capital Improvement Program budget for the current contract amendment for the Mental Health Buildings and James Kenney Recreation Center.

Original contract amount	\$25,000
Previous contract amendments	<u>\$73,820</u>
Total amended not-to-exceed amount	\$98,820

Current contract amendments:

Capital Improvement Fund: 610-5215-463-3035-13CB15....	\$18,500
Capital Improvement Fund: 610-5215-463-3035-13CB16	<u>\$22,000</u>
Revised contract not-to-exceed amount	\$139,320

The CMS number for the contract amendment is CMS No. EHPMG:

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The City needs seismic evaluations of the Mental Health Buildings at 2640 & 2636 MLK, Jr. Way, and the James Kenney Recreation Center. The seismic evaluation of the James Kenney Recreation Center will be included in a FEMA Grant application for reallocation of FEMA Grant funding for non-structural upgrades, from the Veterans Building to the James Kenney Recreation Center. The seismic evaluation for the Mental Health Buildings is also to help determine scope of work for Capital Facilities Projects funded through an allocation from the Mental Health Services Act to the Health, Housing and Community Services Department.

The City Council previously authorized a not-to-exceed (NTE) amount of \$125,000 for the SOHA Engineers contract (Resolution No. 64,327-N.S. in January 2009). The total previous authorization was not applied to the total value of amendments to the contract. The cost for services in this amendment includes the balance from the previous authorization and an additional amount to meet the total new NTE for both authorization and contract amendment. This amendment increases the authorization and contract NTE to \$139,320 and extends the contract term to June 30, 2013. During this time, the City will conduct a new RFQ process for on-call structural engineering services, beginning the process in November 2012 with the goal of executing a new on-call services contract by June 30, 2013.

BACKGROUND

Public Works routinely needs on-call structural engineering services to assist with evaluation of the condition of a structure; to provide design drawings and calculations in response to requests from other City departments; or to address hidden/unforeseen conditions. In 2007, staff conducted a competitive evaluation of structural engineering firms that provide these as-needed services, and identified SOHA Engineers as the most responsive qualified firm to provide on-call structural engineering services for the City.

The original contract amount was \$25,000 and was amended with Council authorization in January 2009 to \$98,820. Since then a number of new projects have needed on-call structural engineering services. The current amendment will carry the contract until it can be replaced after the RFQ process concludes in June 2013.

SOHA has provided on-call structural engineering services for various City projects, including the Telegraph-Channing Parking Garage mechanical unit enclosures, Terrace View Park, Transfer Station Tipping Floor Wall Repairs, 830 University, and the Drill Tower at Fire Station No. 6.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The City does not have staff structural engineers and must contract out for structural engineering drawings, calculations, or structural engineering certifications. SOHA Engineers has provided reliable expertise and expedited assistance, when necessary.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

There are no viable alternatives.

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

CONTRACT NO. 7524C AMENDMENT: SOHA ENGINEERS FOR ON-CALL
STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING SERVICES

WHEREAS, Public Works, Parks, Recreation & Waterfront, and other Departments have faced situations with a need for an urgent response to existing structural conditions on various projects, and to meet this need, Public Works staff searched for structural engineering firms and identified SOHA Engineers as a responsive qualified firm to provide on-call engineering services; and

WHEREAS, in February 2008, the City Manager executed a contract with SOHA Engineers to provide on-call structural engineering services in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for a 3-year term; and

WHEREAS, in January 2009 Council authorized a new not-to-exceed (NTE) total of \$125,000, part of which was applied to a contract amendment with SOHA Engineers for a new total of \$98,820; since then demands for on-call structural engineering services have exceeded the existing authorized NTE, and an increase in the authorized NTE and existing contract amount is needed to continue to provide these on-call services; and

WHEREAS, in FY 2013, the additional funds are available in the Capital Improvement Fund (610-5215-463-3035-13CB15 and 13CB16), and the contract amendment has been assigned CMS No. EHPMG.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute an amendment with SOHA Engineers (Contract No. 7524C) for on-call structural engineering services, increasing the contract amount by \$40,500 for a revised not-to-exceed authorization and contract amount of \$139,320 and extending the contract term to June 30, 2013.

