



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR

October 15, 2013

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From:  Christine Daniel, City Manager
 Submitted by: Scott Ferris, Director, Parks Recreation & Waterfront
 Subject: Contract No. 9461 Amendment: American Integrated Services, Inc. for Post-Fire Assessment and Site Stabilization at the Berkeley Tuolumne Camp

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 9461 in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$700,000 for post-fire site assessment and mitigation services at Berkeley Tuolumne Camp.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Funds in the amount of \$200,000 for phase one of the project (the existing contract) and \$500,000 for phase two (this proposed contract amendment) are currently available in the Camps Fund (budget code: 330-5998-450.65-81-14CP01). These funds will be appropriated in the First Amendment to the FY 2014 Appropriations Ordinance. Initial funding to cover the cost of this work will come from the Camps Fund reserve. City staff is working closely with the City's Insurance Adjusters to determine the extent of insurance coverage for this work, as well as the possibility of any state and/or federal emergency funding that may become available. CMS No. VAJ1H.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The scope of the post-fire cleanup of Berkeley Tuolumne Camp has two phases. The first phase involved a site assessment of the damage and the implementation of mitigation measures needed to prevent potentially hazardous ash, debris, and soils from eroding into the south fork of the Tuolumne River. The second phase involves the demolition and removal and proper disposal of damaged buildings, structures, trees, utilities, other debris, and potentially hazardous materials. The contractor, American Integrated Services, Inc. (AIS) will complete phase one by approximately September 30, 2013 and will commence with phase two upon authorization by the City. The cost for phase two shall not exceed \$500,000, for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$700,000.

BACKGROUND

On August 25, 2013, the Berkeley Tuolumne Camp, a residential family camp operated by the City of Berkeley since 1922, was destroyed by the California Rim Fire. The camp, located near Groveland, CA, in the Stanislaus National Forest, seven miles west of

Yosemite National Park, spans an area of 19 square acres. Prior to the fire, the camp had approximately seventy small single-story wood-frame tent cabins, a main dining hall and recreational lodge, several staff buildings, a paved bridge and parking areas, a drinking water system with five large water tanks, an electrical system, and a leach-field sewage system, all of which were located uphill from the south fork of the Tuolumne River. With the exception of sixteen tent cabins and one water tank, all buildings were completely destroyed by the fire.

In consultation with the U.S. Forest Service and the City's Insurance Adjusters, the City determined that the burned material and debris at the site potentially posed a significant threat to human health and safety, as well as to the surrounding natural area, including the south fork of the Tuolumne River, which runs through the camp.

Due to the urgent need to perform the post-fire cleanup before the winter rain season, which is expected to begin in late October, there was insufficient time to prepare formal specifications and seek a construction contractor through the normal bidding process required by the City's Charter Section 67. As a result, the City Manager deemed the situation at Berkeley Tuolumne Camp an actual emergency and of urgent necessity for the preservation of health and safety pursuant to Charter Section 67.4. Parks, Recreation & Waterfront (PRW) staff conducted a rapid search for potential contractors, issued a request for qualifications, developed a short-listing of two qualified firms from eight responses received, and conducted phone interviews to select a contractor to conduct the site assessment, site stabilization, and clean-up. After conducting reference checks on the final selected contractor, staff determined that American Integrated Services, Inc. (AIS) would be the most qualified to accomplish the work within the required timeframe before the winter rain season. A contract was executed with AIS in the amount of \$200,000 for phase one of the work, and they began the site assessment and erosion control work on Monday, September 16, 2013.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The destruction of Berkeley Tuolumne Camp by the Rim Fire of 2013 created an emergency situation that posed a potentially significant threat to human health and safety, as well as to the surrounding natural area, including the south fork of the Tuolumne River. The post-fire site stabilization and clean-up work needs to be completed before the winter rain season, which is expected to begin in late October 2013.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. –N.S.

CONTRACT NO. 9461 AMENDMENT: AMERICAN INTEGRATED SERVICES, INC. (AIS) FOR POST-FIRE SITE ASSESSMENT AND MITIGATION SERVICES AT BERKELEY TUOLUMNE CAMP

WHEREAS, on August 25, 2013, the Berkeley Tuolumne Camp, a residential family camp operated by the City of Berkeley since 1922, was destroyed by the California Rim Fire; and

WHEREAS, in consultation with the U.S. Forest Service and the City's Insurance Adjusters, the City determined that the burned material and debris at the site potentially posed a significant threat to human health and safety, as well as to the surrounding natural area, including the south fork of the Tuolumne River; and

WHEREAS, due to the urgent need to perform the post-fire cleanup before the winter rain season, which is expected to begin in late October 2013, there was insufficient time to prepare formal specifications and seek a construction contractor through the normal bidding process required by the City's Charter Section 67; and

WHEREAS, as a result, the City Manager deemed the situation at Berkeley Tuolumne Camp an actual emergency and of urgent necessity for the preservation of health and safety pursuant to Charter Section 67.4; and

WHEREAS, Parks, Recreation & Waterfront (PRW) staff conducted a rapid search for potential contractors, and determined that American Integrated Services, Inc (AIS) would be the most qualified to accomplish the work within the required timeframe before the rain season. A contract was executed with AIS in the amount of \$200,000 for phase one of the work, and they began the site assessment and erosion control work on Monday, September 16, 2013; and

WHEREAS, AIS will complete phase one by approximately September 30, 2013 and will commence with phase two upon authorization by the City (to perform demolition and removal and proper disposal of damaged buildings, structures, trees, utilities, other debris, and potentially hazardous materials). The cost for phase two shall not exceed \$500,000, for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$700,000; and

WHEREAS, funds in the amount of \$200,000 for phase one of the project, and \$500,000 for phase two are currently available in the Camps Fund (budget code: 330-5998-450.65-81-14CP01). These funds will be appropriated in the First Amendment to the FY 2014 Appropriations Ordinance. CMS No. VAJ1H.

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. 9461 with American Integrated Services, Inc. (AIS) for post-fire site assessment and mitigation services at Berkeley Tuolumne Camp in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$700,000. A record signature copy of said contract and any amendments to be on files in the Office of the City Clerk.

