

City of Culver City, California
Redevelopment Agency Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: December 1, 2008		Item Number: <u>A-1</u>	
AGENDA ITEM: Approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Nickerson Company for General Public Works Inspection Services Support for the Engineering Division Related to the Exposition Light Rail Transit Project.			
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Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☒	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☐ Attachments: ☐	
Public Notification: Master E-Mail Notification List (11/26/08) and The Nickerson Company			
Department Approval: Sol Blumenfeld CDD, 11/19/08 Charles D. Herbertson, PWD, 11/19/08		Executive Director Approval: Jerry B. Fulwood (11/26/08)	
Chief Financial Officer Approval: Jeff Muir (by N. Kimball) (11/25/08)			

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Culver City Redevelopment Agency ("The Agency") approve a professional services agreement with The Nickerson Company, with a not-to-exceed fee of \$30,000 to provide on an as-needed basis support to the Public Works Department/Engineering Division for general public works inspection on the Exposition Light Rail Transit Project.

BACKGROUND:

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) has proposed to construct a 9.6-mile light rail transit line to run along the Metro-owned Exposition Right-of-Way from the existing Metro Light Rail Transit (LRT) station at 7th/Metro Center in downtown Los Angeles to Venice/Washington in Culver City. This is known as Phase 1 of the project.

The Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority (Authority) was created by the California State Legislature to oversee the final design and construction of the Exposition Light Rail Transit (Expo LRT). Phase 1 of the Expo LRT, which consists of 3 segments (A, B, and C), is currently under construction or in the process of design. The groundbreaking for Phase 1 occurred in early 2006.

Segment "C" is the Culver City portion of the project and a portion of the project to the east of Wesley Street is currently in review at the 100% design stage. This portion of the project will involve the realignment and reconstruction of National Boulevard and related facilities between the City's eastern boundary and Schaefer

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Street. This work will occur in the City's public right-of-way and will require inspection by a public works inspector.

The Public Works Department/Engineering Division has one full-time Public Works Inspector and relies on consultant support for public works inspection on special projects such as this. There are currently multiple large projects under construction in the private development sector such as Fox Hills Mall renovation/expansion, Sony Studios new office buildings and parking structure adjacent to Culver Boulevard and Motor Avenue, and Culver Studios expansion. All of these projects, in addition to Caltran's I-405 widening project, utility companies' work, and other private development occupy the time of the City's single Public Works Inspector. Therefore, it is necessary to use consultant inspection services for the Expo LRT project.

DISCUSSION:

The Agency has taken actions to ensure that design and development of the Expo LRT project is accomplished to mitigate the impacts to the community and public facilities.

As part of the Agency's strategy regarding the Expo LRT project, the Agency has retained consultants to provide specialized expertise and services. In order to determine if the project related improvements affecting the public rights-of-way are constructed according to approved plans and to adequately ensure that field conditions are accurately assessed, knowledgeable and reliable ongoing City representation at the construction site is necessary. Due to City existing and anticipated public works inspection work load on other projects, we believe it is necessary to rely on consultant assistance. Our belief is based on the complexities of the project and the need to meet the project's design/construction schedule requiring timely and quick response to inspection requests and response to unanticipated conditions.

In October, 2004, the City Council approved a contract with The Nickerson Company for general public works inspection services. Vern Nickerson of The Nickerson Company, is a retired Culver City Senior Public Works Inspector, who has over eighteen years of experience inspecting public works projects in the City.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

As stated above, The Nickerson Company is currently under contract with the City to provide general public works inspection support to the Engineering Division. Staff proposes a separate Agency contract with The Nickerson Company for the not to exceed amount of \$30,000 over the approximately 2 year construction period, in order to pay on an as-needed basis for the work that it performs inspecting the construction of Expo LRT project improvements relating to City facilities.

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- Construction Inspector 268 hours (69%) x \$85.00 per hour
- Assistant Construction Inspector 120 hours (31%) x \$60.00 per hour

NOTE: All rates are effective to December 31, 2008. There will be an adjustment in billing rates for 2009 as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) from December 2007 to December 2008.

There are sufficient funds in Account Number 59190400.612100 (Engineering Services) to fund the \$30,000 contract with The Nickerson Company.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

MOTION:

That the Agency:

- 1) Approve a Professional Services Agreement with The Nickerson Company to provide as-needed general public works inspection support for the Engineering Division's on the Exposition Light Rail Transit Project at a not-to-exceed fee of \$30,000, and,
- 2) Authorize the Agency General Counsel to review/prepare the necessary documents and authorize the Executive Director to execute such documents.