



City of La Quinta

CITY / SA / HA / FA MEETING DATE: May 5, 2015

AGENDA CATEGORY:

ITEM TITLE: APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PSOMAS AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR ON-CALL CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES

BUSINESS SESSION:

CONSENT CALENDAR: 16

STUDY SESSION:

PUBLIC HEARING:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with PSOMAS for on-call construction inspection services and appropriate \$126,180 from unappropriated General Fund Reserves.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- The City relies on consultant inspection services to augment the City's construction staff for both capital and private development projects.
- Due to recent changes in State law, charter cities must ensure its consultants and contractors pay prevailing wages for all services including construction inspection services, which has resulted in a 12 percent increase over last year. Additionally, due to a significant increase in private development activity, more inspection hours are needed to cover the anticipated construction work.
- Amendment No. 1 increases the PSOMAS contract by \$126,180 to provide private development construction inspection services for the remainder of the fiscal year (Attachment 1).

FISCAL IMPACT:

This contract amendment will cost \$126,180. The City's development permit fee structure recovers approximately 85 percent of these costs, which are deposited

into the General Fund at the time the permits are purchased; the net fiscal impact will be approximately \$19,000.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

Public Works staff inspects on-site and off-site infrastructure improvements for all private development and City capital projects. When inspection demand soars, the City procures private contractor inspection services. Since 2006, the City has contracted with PSOMAS to provide these inspections services; their services have been of high quality and have been cost effective. This fiscal year, development activity has significantly increased and the budget for contract inspection services is depleted. Staff is requesting this contract amendment and appropriation in order to maintain a high level of inspection services.

The contract inspectors' time is allocated 50 percent to capital projects and 50 percent to private development projects; capital project inspection costs are charged to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), and private development inspection costs are charged to the General Fund. Permit fee income covers 85 percent of the private inspection costs with the General Fund underwriting the remaining 15 percent. While the anticipated cost of these additional services is \$126,180, the net cost to the General Funds is projected to be \$19,000.

Jim Peters and Greg Curdes of PSOMAS are the assigned inspectors. They are local and have firsthand knowledge of the City's operations. Given PSOMAS' positive track record and the need for continuity on private construction projects currently underway, staff recommends approval of this amendment.

ALTERNATIVES:

Due to the ongoing high level of private construction activity anticipated to continue through this spring as well as the superior inspection service provided by PSOMAS, staff does not recommend an alternative action.

Report prepared by: Ed Wimmer, P.E., Principal Engineer

Report approved for submission by: Timothy R. Jonasson, P.E.

Public Works Director/City Engineer

Attachment: 1. Amendment No. 1

MAY 5, 2015

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
ON-CALL CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES

CONSULTANT: Psomas
Attention: Reuben Tolentino
Principal/Vice President
3 Hutton Centre Drive, Suite 200
Santa Ana, CA 92707

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT AMENDMENT NO. 1

Pursuant to the terms of the original Professional Services Agreement, you are hereby directed to make the herein described changes or do the following described work not included in the original scope of work and fee schedule for this Agreement. Unless otherwise stated all work shall conform to the terms, general conditions, and special provisions of the Agreement.

DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE

This contract amendment authorizes additional contract funding, in the amount of \$126,180 for Psomas to continue to provide On-Call Construction Inspection Services through June 2015. Psomas' additional work request, dated April 14, 2015, is attached and made part of this contract amendment.

Previous Contract Amount	\$70,000.00
Add this Amendment	\$126,180.00
Revised Contract Total	\$196,180.00


Submitted

By: _____ Date: _____

Approved

By: _____ Date: _____

We, the undersigned Consultant, have given careful consideration to the change proposed and hereby agree, if this proposal is approved, that we will provide all equipment, furnish all materials, perform all labor, except as may be noted above, and perform all services necessary to complete the above specified work, and hereby accept as full payment the amount shown above.

Accepted By:  Title: Principal/Vice President
Reuben Tolentino

Consultant: Psomas Date: April 17, 2015

April 14, 2015

Edward J. Wimmer, P.E.
Principal Engineer
City of La Quinta
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Subject: Request to Amend Professional Services Agreement with Psomas for On-Call Construction Inspection Services (Account Number 101-7006-60104)

Dear Mr. Wimmer:

Psomas appreciates the opportunity to continue to provide the City of La Quinta with On-Call Construction Inspection Services. As you are aware, our current contract sum is not to exceed \$70,000 for a period starting January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015. We are currently providing inspection staff at the approved prevailing wage rate of \$112/hour, equating to approximately \$19,000 per month for each full time inspector. As of March 27, 2015, our total hourly billing is \$82,180, requiring us to request an amendment to increase our approved contract sum. Since the City expects to utilize at least two of our inspection staff full time through the end of June 2015, we estimate that an additional \$126,180 will be required as outlined below:

Additional Services through March 27, 2015	\$12,180
April 2015- James Peters, Construction Inspector	\$19,000
April 2015- Greg Curdes, Construction Inspector	\$19,000
May 2015- James Peters, Construction Inspector	\$19,000
May 2015- Greg Curdes, Construction Inspector	\$19,000
June 2015- James Peters, Construction Inspector	\$19,000
June 2015- Greg Curdes, Construction Inspector	\$19,000
Total	\$126,180

As discussed with you today, we request City approval to increase our approved contract sum by an additional \$126,180. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (714) 412-5672.

Respectfully Submitted,

PSOMAS



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