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Council District: 6, 11

To: The Mayor

From: Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer

Reference: Communication from the Los Angeles World Airports dated March 17, 2022;  
referred by the Mayor for a report on March 17, 2022

Subject: **PROPOSED FIRST AMENDMENT TO FIVE ON-CALL ENVIRONMENTAL  
TECHNICAL AND EXPERT CONSULTING SUPPORT SERVICES AT LOS  
ANGELES WORLD AIRPORTS**

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### RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayor:

1. Approve a proposed First Amendment to five on-call Environmental Technical and Expert Consulting Support services contracts, to extend each term by 12-months, to June 14, 2023, and increase the contract authority for three of the five firms by a combined \$2 million, for a total amended amount not-to-exceed \$17 million for all five contracts, to deliver environmental support services at Los Angeles World Airports, subject to City Attorney approval as to form and compliance with the City's Standard Provisions, including: Living Wage / Service Contractor Worker Retention Ordinances, Affirmative Action Program, Business Tax Registration Certification, Child Support Obligations Ordinance, Contractor Responsibility Program, First Source Hiring Program, Bidder Contributions CEC Form 55, MLO Bidder Contributions CEC Form 50, and Iran Contracting Act of 2010;
2. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the proposed First Amendment to the five on-call Environmental Technical and Expert Consulting Support services contracts, upon approval by the Los Angeles City Council, and prior to the execution of the First Amendment, each firm must:
  - a. Have approved insurance documents, in the terms and amounts required, on file with Los Angeles World Airports; and
  - b. Be determined by Public Works, Office of Contract Compliance to be in full compliance with the provisions of the Equal Benefits Ordinance; and

3. Return the request to the Los Angeles World Airports for further processing, including Council Consideration.

## **SUMMARY**

The Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) Board of Airport Commissioners (BOAC) awarded five distinct three-year contracts (Contracts) on May 2, 2019, through Resolution No. 26753, for a combined cost not-to-exceed \$15 million to carry out environmental technical and consulting services projects at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), Van Nuys Airport (VNY), and Palmdale Land Holdings (Palmdale). The following environmental companies (Contractors; Firms) were the recipients of contract awards: Alta Environmental, L.P. (No. DA-5360); Burns and McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc. (DA-5361); CDM Smith, Inc. (DA-5362); Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. (DA-5363); and Polytechnique Environmental, Inc. (DA-5364).

On March 17, 2022, the BOAC approved the proposed First Amendment at its meeting through Resolution No. 27462, to extend the term of each Contract by 12-months and increase the authority for three of the five contracts by \$2 million, for a combined total not-to-exceed \$17 million. The contract increases are inclusive of 1) Alta Environmental, L.P., No. DA-5360 (\$740,000); 2) Burns and McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc., No. DA-5361 (\$680,000); and 3) Polytechnique Environmental, Inc., DA-5364 (580,000). The new authority and the term extensions enable the Contractors to continue providing on-call environmental technical and expert consulting support services for various projects administered by LAWA's Environmental Programs Division (EPD).

LAX and Van Nuys are subject to an array of Federal, State, and local environmental laws, rules, and regulations and LAWA's contracted Firms have a variety of strengths in specialized categories to meet the various environmental requirements. The technical expertise that the professional firms offer allows LAWA to benefit by maintaining compliance with the various environmental regulatory policies mandated by the authorized government agencies. In addition to advising LAWA's EPD through regulatory matters, the services provided also support improvements to sustainability and environmental performance.

Considering LAWA lacks staff resources or expertise to perform the numerous environmental technical and expert services required, the EPD historically used on-call contracts to supplement LAWA staff with technical knowledge in areas such as air quality, water quality, hazardous materials and waste, petroleum storage tanks, sustainability initiatives, wildlife, and noise management. EPD also collaborates with other LAWA Divisions, airport tenants, many City Departments, various regulatory agencies, and other LAWA stakeholders to ensure LAWA is compliant with all applicable regional, federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations.

Both LAX and VNY have complex environmental and regulatory conditions that require a wide range of services in support of their operations and ongoing developments. Each of the five firms illustrated in the table that follows has a collection of expertise and available sub-consultants to address LAWA's environmental needs. As reported by LAWA, firms are considered for specific tasks as environmental needs develop, and a contractor is selected based on their approach, cost, and other elements related to the project. This method maximizes LAWA's ability to acquire

services from the best-suited firm and control the project's cost.

The table below summarizes key factors related to each on-call contract for the proposed First Amendment.

<b>Firm &amp; Contract Number</b>	<b>Original Contract Authority</b>	<b>New Contract Authority</b>	<b>Projected Expenditures</b>	<b>Expected Remaining Balance</b>	<b>Current Expiration Date</b>	<b>Revised Expiration Date</b>
Alta Environmental, L.P., No. DA-5360	\$2,750,000	\$3,490,000	\$3,420,340	\$69,660	June 14, 2022	June 14, 2023
Burns and McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc., DA-5361	\$3,500,000	\$4,180,000	\$4,006,260	\$173,740	June 14, 2022	June 14, 2023
CDM Smith, Inc., DA-5353	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$2,642,574	\$857,426	June 14, 2022	June 14, 2023
Geosyntec Consultants, Inc., DA-5363	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000	\$1,563,001	\$1,186,999	June 14, 2022	June 14, 2023
Polytechnique Environmental, Inc., DA-5364	\$2,500,000	\$3,080,000	\$2,946,524	\$133,476	June 14, 2022	June 14, 2023
<b>Combined Costs, Totals</b>	<b>\$15,000,000</b>	<b>\$17,000,000</b>	<b>\$14,578,699</b>	<b>\$2,421,301</b>		

It should be noted that environmental undertakings scheduled to be performed under the proposed First Amendment will be completed by the new contract expiration date. Environmental efforts that were projected to be completed under the original contract, such as the Airport Noise GIS Upgrade, Environmental Building Performance Audits, Airport Accreditation for LAX and VNY, and Greenhouse Gas Reporting Verification were disrupted as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic by being delayed, scaled back, or completely discontinued.

Approval of the proposed First Amendments will permit LAWA to continue working with specialized technical consultants, address critical environmental issues, and allow staff sufficient time to prepare a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Environmental Technical and Expert Services. LAWA indicated that a new RFP process will begin in the first quarter of the 2022-23 Fiscal Year to select a replacement bench of environmental contractors.

LAWA's Procurement Services staff reviewed the proposed action (File No. 8772) and established mandatory goals of 15 percent Small Business Enterprise (SBE), 3 percent Local Business Enterprise (LBE), 2 percent Local Small Business Enterprise (LSBE), and 2 percent Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise (DVBE) for this project. As reported by LAWA staff, the Firms have committed and achieved the following SBE, LBE, LSBE, and DVBE participation levels:

	<b>Commitment</b>	<b>Achievement (to date)</b>
<b><u>Alta Environmental, L.P.</u></b>		
Small Business Enterprise	100%	11.32%
Local Business Enterprise	100%	4.51%
Local Small Business Enterprise	100%	4.51%
Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise	2%	0%
<b><u>Burns and McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc.</u></b>		
Small Business Enterprise	15%	15.8%
Local Business Enterprise	3%	0%
Local Small Business Enterprise	2%	0%
Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise	2%	0%
<b><u>CDM Smith, Inc.</u></b>		
Small Business Enterprise	15%	28.13%
Local Business Enterprise	3%	0.18%
Local Small Business Enterprise	2%	0.18%
Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise	2%	0%
<b><u>Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.</u></b>		
Small Business Enterprise	15%	49.04%
Local Business Enterprise	3%	8.74%
Local Small Business Enterprise	2%	7.11%
Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise	2%	1%
<b><u>Polytechnique Environmental, Inc.</u></b>		
Small Business Enterprise	15%	36.04%
Local Business Enterprise	3%	12.93%
Local Small Business Enterprise	2%	11.17%
Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise	2%	0%

The BOAC approved the proposed First Amendment at its meeting on March 17, 2022. Actions taken on this item by the BOAC will become final pursuant to the provisions of Los Angeles City Charter Section 373.

## **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

Approval of the proposed First Amendment to extend the term of the contracts with LAWA's existing environmental consultant bench [Alta Environmental, L.P. (DA-5360); Burns and McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc. (DA-5361); CDM Smith, Inc. (DA-5362); Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. (DA-5363); and Polytechnique Environmental, Inc. (DA-5364)] by 12-months and increase the contract authority for a total of \$2 million will have no impact on the City's General Fund. Costs incurred under this contract will be recovered through landing fees, terminal building rates and charges, and non-aeronautical revenues. Funding for this contract is available in the FY 2021-22 Los Angeles World Airports Operating Budget LAX Cost Center 1140003 – Environmental Programs Group, Commitment Item 520 - Contractual Services. Funding for subsequent years will be requested as part of the annual budget process. The proposed First Amendments comply with LAWA's adopted Financial Policies.