

October 10, 2001

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the Hermosa Beach City Council

Regular Meeting of
October 23, 2001

SUBJECT: CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR A PRECISE DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND RELATED AGREEMENTS AND PERMITS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE TYCOM SUBMARINE FIBER-OPTIC CABLE PROJECT.

Recommendation:

That the City Council:

Approve a contract amendment in the amount of \$392,716 for the firm of Ecology and Environment (E & E) for increased scope of work in preparing environmental documentation.

Background:

On March 27, 2001 the City Council directed staff to proceed with the permit process and negotiations for a lease agreement for the subject project. The project involves the installation of a Trans-Pacific fiber optic cable that is part of a global voice and data transmission system currently under construction. The Trans-Pacific segment is proposed to run from Asia to Hermosa Beach and across the United States connecting to a Trans-Atlantic segment. The Hermosa Beach permit process involves discretionary approval for two cable beach landing sites near Longfellow Avenue and 11th Street and cable installation beneath public streets and the greenbelt along with approval of related lease agreements and encroachment permits. There is no cost impact to the City as the applicant is funding the total cost for environmental review including costs for environmental and planning consultants required to process the project permits. A separate lease agreement is being negotiated for the proposed beach landing.

On April 2, 2001 staff issued the attached RFQ/RFP to six firms and the City selected the firm of Ecology and Environment (E & E) to prepare environmental documentation. The original cost estimate to prepare the EIR was \$320,046. The project has is proceeding with a draft EIR currently being circulated for public comment. The comment period ends November 7, 2001.

Analysis:

During the course of preparing the Draft EIR, additional information was requested by some of the responsible agencies involved in project review. In addition, the applicant requested expedited review and suggested changes that significantly increased costs beyond the original work scope due to the highly complex and technical nature of the project. The proposed project changes and the additional information and analysis required resulted in increased costs for research and required applying more labor time for the project. The original cost has increased by \$392,716 for a total contract amount of \$712,762.

Sol Blumenfeld, Director
Community Development Department

Concur:

Attachments

1. Change to Work Scope
2. Amended Contract

Stephen R. Burrell,
City Manager

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Contract Budget Amendment

Task	Original Budget	Additional Request (09/10/01)	Total Budget
1- Project Management	36,480	55,280	91,760
2 – Data Review	21,396	30,716	52,112
3 – Data Collection	123,942	120,492	244,335

4 – Agency Consultation	25,432	28,932	54,364
5 – CEQA/NEPA Documentation	67,600	91,300	158,900
6 – Other CEQA Documentation	20,200	32,900	53,100
7 – Meetings	25,095	33,096	58,191
Total	\$320,145	\$392,716	\$712,762