

**CITY OF OAKLAND AND OAKLAND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**  
***COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT***

TO: Office of the City Manager and Agency Administrator  
ATTN: Robert C. Bobb  
FROM: Public Works Agency  
DATE: April 24, 2001

RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BASELINE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING, EMERYVILLE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL "AS NEEDED" CONSULTING SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$250,000 FOR A TWO-YEAR PERIOD

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**SUMMARY**

A resolution has been prepared that authorizes the City Manager and the Agency Administrator to enter into a professional services agreement with Baseline Environmental Consulting, (Baseline) Emeryville for environmental "As Needed" consulting services. The agreement is for a not-to-exceed amount of \$250,000 over a two-year period from April 1, 2001 to March 31, 2003. The contract will be managed by the Public Works Agency/Environmental Services Division (PWA/ESD).

The resolution will support the Mayor and the City Council Priority Objective #7 to identify and solve environmental issues that impact the health and quality of life in Oakland. Staff recommends that the resolution be approved.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The approval of this contract will not result in additional appropriation of funds. PWA/ESD has had five contracts for consulting services in support of ORA, CEDA, PWA and LEA for the past few fiscal years. Projections now threaten to overwhelm our current capacity under existing consulting contracts. Additional capacity is necessary to meet projected needs for investigation, evaluation and remediation of critical projects in the downtown redevelopment zone and the Oakland Army Base.

Approval of this resolution will enable the City to provide the level of service needed to assure that work can be done in a timely manner.

## **BACKGROUND**

On July 18, 2000 the City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into Environmental "As Needed" professional services agreements with the following five firms:

- Subsurface Consultants Inc. (SCI), Oakland
- URS Greiner Woodward Clyde (URS-Greiner), Oakland
- Cambria Environmental Technology, Inc. (Cambria), Oakland
- Uribe & Associates (Uribe), Oakland
- Harding Lawson Associates (HLA), Oakland

The Redevelopment Agency of the City of Oakland (ORA) also authorized the Agency Administrator to utilize the City's environmental as needed professional services agreements for environmental work required by ORA. The five firms were ranked 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> on the list of most qualified firms to provide the needed services based on the consultant team interview performances and the City's LBE/SLBE preferences and credit points program.

Since the approval of these agreements by the City Council and ORA, the anticipated need for environmental consulting assistance has increased. The City and ORA need additional environmental services assistance with the investigation, remediation and evaluation of properties at the Oakland Army Base, the 10K Housing Project, and the Uptown District. It is anticipated that the need for environmental consulting assistance will continue through the next two fiscal years.

Baseline was ranked 6<sup>th</sup> on the list of most qualified firms based on the consultant team interviews and the City's LBE/SLBE credit points award. The firm achieved the City's LBE and SLBE participation goals of 15% and 35%, respectively (total LBE/SLBE is 50%). The LBE/SLBE information has been verified by the Contract Compliance Division of the City Manager's Office and is shown on Attachment A.

The Baseline team will provide LBE/SLBE participation of \$125,000 (50%) of the total contract amount of \$250,000. SCA Environmental and Geo/Resource Inc. will provide the LBE/SLBE participation.

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The exact scope of the consulting work will be determined on a project-by-project basis. Baseline has the capability to perform work including, but not limited to: Phase I/II investigation/remediation, site characterization, project design, remediation cost estimating, project plan and specifications preparation, risk evaluation, ecological studies, and environmental quality control services during remediation/construction activities. Quality control services may include project construction monitoring, air monitoring, industrial hygiene consulting, and laboratory services. These services will be scheduled to minimize time impacts on the projects. The consulting team is knowledgeable with local, state, and federal regulations regarding environmental issues.

**RECOMMENDATIONS AND RATIONALE**

The PWA recommends that the City Council and the ORA approve the resolution authorizing a professional services agreement with Baseline for an amount not to exceed \$250,000. Baseline and its team partners have the necessary personnel to perform the needed work and have clearly demonstrated their understanding of the technical complexities and regulatory issues confronting the City and the ORA.

**ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

Staff recommends that the City Council and Oakland Redevelopment Agency approve the resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO  
THE CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER/AGENCY  
ADMINISTRATOR