

January 9, 2017

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT

Resolution authorizing execution of a Professional Services Contract with Geo Engineers for geotechnical and structural peer review services for shoring installations, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Professional Services Contract amount for geotechnical and structural peer review is a pass-through cost paid entirely by the developer and there is no anticipated impact to the 2017-2018 Development Services budget.

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Development Services Department

POLICY CONSIDERATION

Should the City Council enter into a new Professional Services Contract for geotechnical and structural peer review services with Geo Engineers?

BACKGROUND

The Development Services Department currently has Professional Services Contracts with consulting firms for plan review services in structural, fire protection, geotechnical, building, and electrical systems. Private consultants are used to address workload peaks and to provide specialized technical expertise. Consultants provide flexible resource options that are critical to achieving the goal of delivering high quality, fast, and predictable services.

If approved, this contract will allow geotechnical design peer review of temporary and permanent earth shoring systems utilizing significant expertise and experience in the field of geotechnical investigation and structural review of shoring designs. Currently, the City has one other consultant qualified to perform this type of work.

Staff has evaluated several geotechnical engineering firms on the consultant roster and selected firms that met criteria including experience in specific technical disciplines, engineering licensing, and experience providing geotechnical peer review services.

The term of the proposed contract is set for a maximum of five years with the not-to-exceed amount based on the technical nature of the services and the anticipated need.

Staff anticipates the proposed contract amount will be adequate to support the use of outside peer review services for the next three to five years, depending on permit volumes.

EFFECTIVE DATE

If approved, this Resolution will be effective immediately.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt Resolution, authorizing execution of a Professional Services Contract with Geo Engineers for geotechnical and structural peer review services for shoring installations, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.
2. Do not adopt Resolution, and provide alternative direction to staff.

RECOMMENDATION

Option 1

MOTION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 9213 authorizing execution of a Professional Services Contract with Geo Engineers for geotechnical and structural peer review services for shoring installations, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.

ATTACHMENTS

Proposed Resolution No. 9213

AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL OFFICE

Professional Services Contract