

CONSIDERATION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES FOR SCOUT HOUSE PROJECT

MAY 17, 2022



BACKGROUND

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- The Scout House was built in 1952 on City-owned property.
- It has been used by Scout troops and seniors for nearly seven decades.
- The structure is outdated and lacks the physical capacity needed for the Scout and senior uses.
- The City and Friends of Senior and Scout House Community Center propose to demolish the existing structure and build a larger and more modern facility.
- The project requires environmental review, for which a consultant is needed.



QUALIFICATIONS

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The consultant team selected for the Scout House Project is expected to:

- Produce parking, historic and other technical studies
- Prepare legally-defensible CEQA documents
- Implement outreach efforts that engage a variety of community stakeholders and effectively communicates ideas in various forums and platforms
- Have experience working on similar projects involving potentially historic resources



CONSIDERED CONSULTANTS

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Six consulting firms were considered for the project's environmental consultant role:

1. Eyestone Environmental
2. Environmental Services Associates
3. Galvin Preservation Associates (GPA)
4. Michael Baker International (MBA)
5. Moreau
6. Vandermost Consulting Services (VCS)
Environmental



SELECTED CONSULTANT

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Michael Baker International was selected because they demonstrated:

- 1.** The best combination of qualified and available staff.
- 2.** A proven track record in Manhattan Beach and nearby cities.
- 3.** A clear understanding of the project and needed consulting services.
- 4.** A well-developed strategy for navigating the environmental review process and managing stakeholder engagement.



PUBLIC OUTREACH

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- Public outreach was **not** required for awarding the contract.
- The planning activities supported by this award **will include** public outreach, such as:
 - ✓ Community Meetings
 - ✓ Public Meetings and Hearings
 - ✓ Printed, posted, and advertised public notices



ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

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Awarding this contract has been determined to be exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), which states:

“CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA”



RECOMMENDATION

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Adopt Resolution No. 22-0057 approving an agreement for environmental consulting services for the Scout House Project, located at 1617 North Valley Drive, with a not-to-exceed amount of \$153,254.00.



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