REPORT TO COUNCIL
City of Sacramento

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Consent
August 1, 2006

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: Master Services Agreement for High-Rise Review

Location/Council District: Downtown / Council Districts 1, 3, 4

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached **Resolution** 1) awarding separate Master Consultant and Professional Services Agreements to Buehler & Buehler Structural Engineers, Inc.; Creegan + D'Angelo, Consulting Civil and Structural Engineers; Weidlinger Associates, Inc.; Miyamoto International, Inc.; Rutherford & Chekene; and Shuhaibar Engineers for review of plans for high-rise buildings in an amount not to exceed $100,000 annually for each contracting party for three years; 2) authorizing the City Manager to execute such agreements; and 3) authorizing the City Manager to extend each contract for one additional year for an amount not to exceed $100,000 per contract.

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Presenters: Not Applicable

Department: Development Services

Division: Building

Organization No: 4861

Description/Analysis

Issue: A Master Services Agreement would allow the City to utilize the services of six engineering plan review consultants on a rotating basis. This eliminates the need to follow a consultant selection process for each individual project and streamlines the process by pre-qualifying consultants.

Policy Considerations: This process allows a more timely, responsive and efficient review of proposed plans for downtown high-rise construction. By streamlining the plan review process, the result is an accelerated timeline for construction, thereby resulting in an increase in economic activity that is consistent with the City Council's Policy Goals of economic development, sustainability and livability, and safe and affordable housing.

Environmental Considerations: Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, administration of a Master Services Agreement does not constitute a project and is therefore exempt from review.

Commission/Committee Action: None

Rationale for Recommendation: The purpose of this Master Services Agreement is to allow the City to accommodate the current influx of plans for proposed construction of high-rise buildings in the downtown area without adding career positions. Hiring consultants with specialized expertise in this area provides the highest level of service to the customer without additional cost to the City. Plan review can be provided by the selected firms on a rotating basis in a timely, responsive and efficient manner.

Financial Considerations: Approving the Master Services Agreement will not impact the General Fund, nor will it result in any additional expense to the City. All costs associated with consultant services will be funded by reimbursement from developers' fees. The total cost for services under this agreement will not exceed $100,000 annually per firm. The term of the agreement is three (3) years with an option to extend for an additional year if agreed upon by the City and each consultant.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): The Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was posted on the City's website for bid opportunities from June 5 to June 19, 2006. Additionally, copies of the RFQ were mailed to ten companies, six of which are ESBD certified. Of the thirteen firms that submitted responses to the RFQ, eight are certified under the ESBD Program with the City of Sacramento and/or the State of California. The selection process, as stated in the RFQ, gave 5% preference to ESBD applicants. Of the six selected companies, four are ESBD certified.

Respectfully Submitted by: _____
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Director of Development Services

Recommendation Approved:

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City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

RESOLUTION APPROVING MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR HIGH-RISE REVIEW

BACKGROUND

A. The City of Sacramento issued a Request for Qualifications for High-Rise Engineering Review and Peer Review Services on June 5, 2006.

B. Thirteen responses were received by the deadline of June 19, 2006. These were evaluated and ranked, and six firms were selected:

- Buehler & Buehler Structural Engineers, Inc.
- Creegan + D'Angelo, Consulting Civil and Structural Engineers
- Weidlinger Associates, Inc.
- Miyamoto International, Inc.
- Rutherford & Chekene
- Shuhaibar Engineers

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Separate Master Consultant and Professional Services Agreements with Buehler & Buehler Structural Engineers, Inc.; Creegan + D'Angelo, Consulting Civil and Structural Engineers; Weidlinger Associates, Inc.; Miyamoto International, Inc.; Rutherford & Chekene; and Shuhaibar Engineers are hereby approved for review of plans for high-rise buildings for an amount not to exceed $100,000 annually for each contracting party for three years.

Section 2. The City Manager is authorized to execute such agreements.

Section 3. The City Manager is authorized to extend each contract for one additional year for an amount not to exceed $100,000 per contract.