



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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Consent
August 1, 2006

**Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council**

Title: Agreement for The Towers Structural Plan Review Services

Location/Council District: Downtown / Council Districts 1

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached **Resolution 1)** awarding a Consultant and Professional Services Agreement to Shuhaibar Engineers for review of plans for The Towers project in an amount not to exceed \$160,000; and **2)** authorizing the City Manager to execute such agreement.

Contact: Carl Hefner, Assistant Building Official, 808-8779; Bob Chase, Chief Building Official, 808-8024

Presenters: Not Applicable

Department: Development Services

Division: Building

Organization No: 4861

Description/Analysis

Issue: A Consultant and Professional Services Agreement with Shuhaibar Engineers would allow the City to utilize their services for structural plan review.

Policy Considerations: This process allows for a timely, responsive and efficient review of plans for The Towers high-rise construction project. This, in turn, provides for 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 Consultant and Professional Services Agreement does not constitute a project and is therefore exempt from review.

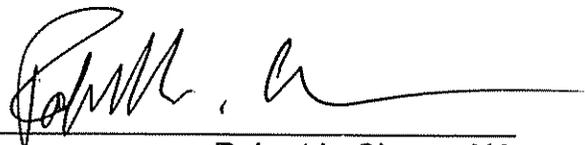
Commission/Committee Action: None

Rationale for Recommendation: The purpose of this Consultant and Professional Services Agreement is to allow the City to contract with an engineering review expert related to construction of The Towers 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 firm in a timely, responsive and efficient manner.

Financial Considerations: Approving the Consultant and Professional 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 the developer's fees. The total cost for services under this agreement will not exceed \$160,000.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): The Request for Proposal (RFP) was posted on the City's website for bid opportunities from June 14 to June 23, 2006. Of the six firms that submitted responses to the RFQ, one is 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. The selected company, Shuhaibar Engineers, is ESBD certified.

Respectfully Submitted by: 
Robert L. Chase, AIA
Chief Building Official

Approved by: 
William Thomas
Director of Development Services

Recommendation Approved:

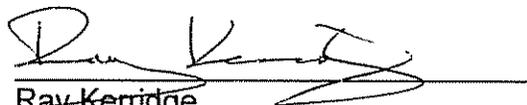

Ray Kerridge
City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONSULTANT AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SHUHAIBAR ENGINEERS

BACKGROUND

- A. The City of Sacramento issued a Request for Proposal for Structural Plan Review Services for The Towers project on June 14, 2006.
- B. Six responses were received by the deadline of June 23, 2006. These were evaluated and ranked, and the firm of Shuhaibar Engineers was selected.

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

- Section 1. A Consultant and Professional Services Agreement is hereby awarded to Shuhaibar Engineers for review of plans for The Towers high-rise project in an amount not to exceed \$160,000.
- Section 2. The City Manager is authorized to execute such agreement.