

CIVIL RIGHTS, EQUITY, IMMIGRATION, AGING AND DISABILITY

On June 7, 2023, the Los Angeles City Council authorized the Department on Disability (DOD) to extend the Master Service Agreements between the City and Bureau Veritas North America (formerly The Owen Group, Contract No. C-135872), Community Works Design Group (Contract No. C-135873), Jensen Hughes (Contract No. C-135870), Mark Anderson Architects dba CALI CASp (Contract No. C-135871), Sally Swanson Architects (Contract No. C-135868), and Ten Architects (formerly Carde Ten Architects, Contract No. C-135869) to provide Certified Access Specialist (CASp) services to assess City facilities for accessibility, in preparation for developing the facility evaluation portion of the City's Transition Plan, in accordance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. The extensions allowed the vendors to provide CASp services through to June 30, 2024, with the option of an additional one-year extension from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. DOD opted to extend the agreements with each vendor, except Jensen Hughes, through June 30, 2025.

Although the five remaining Agreements are now set to expire on June 30, 2025, the project requires additional time to complete the assessments and data analysis. The Department intended to release a new Request for Proposals (RFP) during Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025, but was delayed in its ability to do so because the two staff positions tasked with developing the RFP and overseeing the agreements were vacant until January and February 2025. Extending the Agreements with two vendors for one additional year will allow DOD to prevent a break in critical accessibility compliance work while it embarks on a new RFP process in FY 2025-2026.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council authorize the Department on Disability (DOD), with the assistance of the City Attorney, to extend the Master Service Agreements between the City and Bureau Veritas North America (formerly The Owen Group, Contract No. C-135872), Community Works Design Group (Contract No. C-135873) and Ten Architects (formerly Carde Ten Architects, Contract No. C-135869) to provide Certified Access Specialist (CASp) services from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, pending a budget allocation from the Mayor and City Council for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

I FURTHER MOVE that the allocated funds be added to the Master Service Agreements listed above in amounts not to exceed: \$150,000 to Bureau Veritas North America (formerly The Owen Group, Contract No. C-135872), \$346,063 to Community Works Design Group (Contract No. C-135873) and \$100,000 to Ten Architects (formerly Carde Ten Architects, Contract No. C-135869), and that the rates in the Agreements be increased to amounts that are reasonable and in line with current market demands.

I FURTHER MOVE that the General Manager of the DOD, or their designee, be authorized to prepare Controller instructions and/or make technical adjustments that may be required and are consistent with this action, and authorize the Controller to implement these instructions.

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