



Approved by:	Brian C. Ostler General Counsel City Attorney's Office	
ITEM TYPE	<input type="checkbox"/> Award <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriation <input type="checkbox"/> Policy/Program	
SUBJECT	Request to adopt the following report and to approve First Amendments for (1) two-year extensions to Contracts DA-5590 with Atkinson Andelson Loya Ruud & Romo and DA-5591 with Liebert Cassidy Whitmore, and (2) to add \$200,000 in contract authority to Atkinson Andelson Loya Ruud & Romo for providing legal advice and related services to Los Angeles World Airports.	

Item REQUIRES City Council Approval.  Item is subject only to STANDARD REVIEW by the City Council.

## DISCUSSION

### 1. Background and Necessity of Requested Action

10-20-2022	Resolution #27608 (DA-5590)	Award
Established a three-year contract with Atkinson Andelson Loya Ruud & Romo (Atkinson) for legal advice and related services and for a not-to-exceed amount of \$300,000.		
10-20-2022	Resolution #27608 (DA-5591)	Award
Established a three-year contract with Liebert Cassidy Whitmore (Liebert) for legal advice and related services and for a not to exceed amount of \$300,000.		

The proposed amendments will allow Atkinson and Liebert to continue providing legal advice and related services to Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) pertaining to labor and employment and conflict counsel. Los Angeles World Airports is expected to remain engaged with these issues, necessitating the services of these firms.

These contracts are crucial for addressing ongoing matters with which LAWA is engaged. Currently, there is insufficient in-house City Attorney staff with the specialized expertise to address the related matters. However, hiring additional in-house staff for this work is impractical as it would not meet the immediate need for counsel with specialized expertise and experience in these matters. The City Attorney's office will continue to provide legal services as well as closely managing the firms' services.

2. **Selection Process:**  Competitive process.  Other process.  Not applicable.

The City Attorney's Office entered into a cooperative arrangement with the Department of Water & Power and/or Port of Los Angeles to establish the original contracts, which were obtained through a competitive process.

3. **Fiscal Impact:**  None.  Revenue generation.  Cost/cost recovery.  Other.

This action requests a two-year extension of Contract Nos. DA-5590 and DA-5591 for continued legal services related to labor and employment matters and conflict counsel at Los Angeles World Airports. Additionally, it seeks an increase in contract authority in the amount of \$200,000 for the Atkinson Andelson Loya Ruud & Romo agreement only. The requested funding is consistent with prior expenditures and will ensure uninterrupted legal support for these critical matters.

4. **Alternative Actions:**  Alternatives considered.  No alternatives considered.

There is insufficient in-house City Attorney staff with this specialized expertise. Hiring additional in-house City Attorney staff for this work is impractical as it would not meet the immediate need for counsel with specialized expertise and experience with these matters. The City Attorney's Office will continue to provide legal services as well as closely manage the firms' services.

## APPROPRIATIONS

- Appropriation required.  No appropriation required.  Funding is available.

Funds for these contracts are available in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Los Angeles World Airports Operating Budget in Cost Center 1110004 – Legal Services, Commitment Item 520 – Contractual Services. Funding for subsequent years will be requested as part of the annual budget process.

## INCLUSIVITY & IMPACT

- Goals/requirements identified.  No goals/requirements stipulated.  N/A or other.

## PROVISIONS

The Chief Executive Officer has approved this item.

The Board of Airport Commissioners hereby requested to adopt staff's determination that the requested action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article II, Section 2.f of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

The Board is hereby further requested to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute said First Amendment to both Contract DA-5590 with Atkinson Andelson Loya Ruud & Romo and Contract DA-5591 with Liebert Cassidy Whitmore, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney and the Los Angeles City Council.

Actions taken on this item by the Board of Airport Commissioners will become final pursuant to the provisions of Los Angeles City Charter Section 373.