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REF: EXE-041-26

Honorable Members of the City Council
City of Los Angeles
Room 395, City Hall
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Attn: Government Operations Committee

SUBJECT: HOOD 1703, LLC. I.T. SYSTEM FRANCHISE APPLICATION AND RECOMMENDATION APPROVAL

The Information Technology Agency (ITA) has reviewed the application of the Hood 1703, LLC. I.T. System franchise, and recommends approval of said application request. Because I.T. System franchises are effectuated by ordinance, ITA also recommends that Council request that the City Attorney prepare and present a draft ordinance to the City Council, with a 21 year term, allowing for this franchise.

Background

An I.T. System franchise is an encroachment permit that provides for the interconnection between two points in the public right-of-way (PROW), utilized solely for signal transmission and not to serve any customer within the City.

Hood 1703, LLC. seeks to further the Los Angeles region's continued growth as a digital technology hub and is proposing to develop undersea (subsea) fiber optic telecommunications cable landing infrastructure that could receive up to four future submarine cable systems and connect that infrastructure to a terrestrial landing site and terrestrial conduits installed along the PROW to existing data centers in the region, including the El Segundo area.

From the landing site, a subterranean terrestrial conduit system would be installed within the PROW within the cities of Los Angeles and El Segundo. In the City of Los Angeles the proposed conduit system and associated manholes would occupy the PROW on Imperial Highway between Vista Del Mar and Hillcrest Street.

Hood 1703, LLC. is requesting an I.T. System franchise be granted for twenty-one years.

Recommendation

That the City Council:

1. Approve the application from Hood 1703, LLC. to develop undersea (subsea) fiber optic telecommunications cable landing infrastructure to further the City of Los Angeles' growth as a digital technology hub; and,
2. Request the City Attorney to prepare and present a draft ordinance with a 21 year term allowing for this franchise.

Fiscal Impact

Approval of this I.T. System franchise will generate \$2,500 in application fees and \$70,500 in annual franchise fees over the next 21 years for a total of \$1,480,500 during the 21 year term of the franchise.

If you have any questions, please contact Manuel Giron at manuel.giron@lacity.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ted Ross", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ted Ross
General Manager

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