

RESOLUTION NO. 26934

WHEREAS, on recommendation of Management, there was presented for approval, one (1)-year Contract with Sohagi Law Group to provide support to the City Attorney's Office and Los Angeles World Airports regarding the California Environmental Quality Act and related environmental legal issues, for cost not to exceed \$825,000; and

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WHEREAS, the Contract would keep in place the existing outside counsel legal team needed for (a) Los Angeles World Airports' (LAWA) robust response to the ongoing The Parking Spot Landside Access Modernization Program California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) writ set for trial on February 6, 2020, and (b) review and advice on potential LAWA development projects, such as the proposed Airfield and Terminal Modernization Project, as they move through the environmental planning process; and

Eric Garcetti
Mayor

Board of Airport
Commissioners

WHEREAS, the City Attorney had intended to seek an amendment to the then existing contract with Sohagi Law Group to add an additional one (1)-year term; however, there were no available Board of Airport Commissioners (Board) meetings last month for the matter to be heard. Said contract expired prior to the February 6 Board meeting; and

Seán O. Burton
President

Valeria C. Velasco
Vice President

WHEREAS, the expired contract had a remaining balance of approximately \$1,290,000. The new contract authority of \$825,000 is a net reduction of more than \$400,000. Funds for additional periods will be requested as part of the annual budget process; and

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Nicholas P. Roxborough
Dr. Cynthia A. Telles
Karim Webb

Justin Erbacchi
Interim Chief Executive Officer

WHEREAS, this item, as a continuing administrative, maintenance and personnel-related activity, is administratively exempt from CEQA requirements pursuant to Article II, Section 2.f of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, Sohagi Law Group will comply with the provisions of the Living Wage Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Sohagi Law Group will comply with the provisions of the Affirmative Action Program; and

WHEREAS, Sohagi Law Group has been assigned Business Tax Registration Certificate 0002218728-0001-4; and

WHEREAS, Sohagi Law Group will comply with the provisions of the Child Support Obligations Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Sohagi Law Group has approved insurance documents, in the terms and amounts required on file with LAWA; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Charter Section 1022, it has been determined that the work specified in the Contract can be performed more feasibly or economically by an Independent Contractor than by City employees; and

WHEREAS, Sohagi Law Group must submit the Contractor Responsibility Program Questionnaire and Pledge of Compliance, and must comply with the provisions of the program; and



WHEREAS, Sohagi Law Group must be determined by Public Works, Office of Contract Compliance, to be in compliance with the provisions of the Equal Benefits Ordinance prior to execution of Contract; and

WHEREAS, Sohagi Law Group will comply with the provisions of the First Source Hiring Program for all non-trade Los Angeles International Airport jobs; and

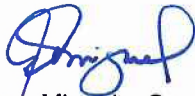
WHEREAS, Sohagi Law Group will be required to comply with the provisions of the Bidder Contributions CEC Form 55; and

WHEREAS, 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Airport Commissioners adopted the Staff Report; determined that this action is administratively exempt from CEQA pursuant to Article II, Section 2.f of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines; found that the work can be performed more economically or feasibly by an independent contractor than by City employees; further found that the action qualifies for approval under Charter Sections 371 (e)(2) and (e)(10) because Sohagi Law Group is co-trial counsel on a CEQA writ matter set for trial on February 6, 2020, and it would therefore not be practical or advantages to conduct competitive bidding and it would be undesirable, impractical or impossible to comply with competitive bidding requirements for the services; approved the one (1)-year Contract with Sohagi Law Group to provide support to the City Attorney's Office and Los Angeles World Airports regarding the California Environmental Quality Act and related environmental legal issues, for cost not to exceed \$825,000; and authorized the Interim Chief Executive Officer to execute said Contract with Sohagi Law Group after approval as to form by the City Attorney and approval by the Los Angeles City Council.

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I hereby certify that this Resolution No. 26934 is true and correct, as adopted by the Board of Airport Commissioners at its Regular Meeting held on Thursday, February 6, 2020.



Grace Miguel – Secretary
BOARD OF AIRPORT COMMISSIONERS