RESOLUTION NO. 110-08


WHEREAS, the Richmond Public Works and Engineering Departments anticipate that several capital improvement projects funded by various capital improvement funds, bonds, and grants will require the use of geotechnical engineering services; and

WHEREAS, Richmond Public Works and Engineering Departments further anticipate that additional capital improvement projects not currently scheduled will arise during the period January 2008-2011 that will require the use of geotechnical engineering services; and

WHEREAS, the project-by-project selection process for geotechnical engineering services can take up to four months and involve significant per-project consulting costs; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond Public Works and Engineering Departments have demonstrated that the use of a pool of geotechnical engineering firms that have passed a competitive bidding process on an as-needed basis eliminates much of the delay and costs associated with project-by-project bidding; and

WHEREAS, in April 2008 the City issued a Request for Proposals for as-needed geotechnical engineering services through the City's BidsOnline system; and

WHEREAS, twenty-one firms received the Request for Proposal, of which ten presented proposals; and

WHEREAS, the ten proposals that the City received were reviewed by a panel consisting of Public Works Director Yader A. Bermudez, City Engineer Rich Davidson, Development Project Manager Craig Murray, and Port Administrator Norman Chan; and

WHEREAS, in evaluating proposals, the panel considered four criteria: (1) the relevant experience and strengths of each firm; (2) the organization of the firm, the availability of resources, and the firm's ability to meet project schedules; (3) the qualifications of the identified project manager and project team; and (4) the firm's ability to provide high quality customer service to the City and the community; and

WHEREAS, the panel accepted the proposals of 5 firms, finding that all have the technical expertise to perform the work required, and that each clearly demonstrated their understanding of the technical complexities and regulatory issues involved in implementing public capital improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, four of the five firms are local businesses; and

WHEREAS, the five firms recommended for selection are:

- Treadwell & Rollo, Inc (Oakland)
- Fugro West, Inc. (Oakland)
- Nichols Consulting (Richmond)
- AGS, Inc (San Francisco)
- Kleinfelder (Oakland); and
WHEREAS, each service contract with an approved firm would be for an amount not-to-exceed $350,000 over the three year period October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2011; and

WHEREAS, firms hired for these as-needed geotechnical engineering services will provide services that may include, but are not limited to the following: geotechnical studies, engineering analysis, site evaluations, subsurface investigations, and specialized laboratory testing; and

WHEREAS, firms on the list will be asked to submit proposals for particular projects, with the best-qualified firm selected; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works and Engineering Departments will manage the contracts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Richmond, California, hereby authorizes the Public Works and Engineering Departments to enter into service contracts for as-needed geotechnical engineering services, with the following firms for an amount not to exceed $350,000 per vendor over the three year period October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2011:

- Treadwell & Rollo, Inc (Oakland)
- Fugro West, Inc. (Oakland)
- Nichols Consulting (Richmond)
- AGS, Inc (San Francisco)
- Kleinfelder (Oakland)
I certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a meeting thereof held on October 7, 2008, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Butt, Lopez, Marquez, Rogers, Sandhu, Thurmond, Viramontes, and Mayor McLaughlin

NOES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

DIANE HOLMES
Clerk of the City of Richmond

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Approved:

GAYLE McLAUGHLIN
Mayor

Approved as to form:

RANDY RIDDLE
City Attorney

State of California
County of Contra Costa: ss.
City of Richmond

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No. 110-08, finally passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a meeting held on October 7, 2008.