

RESOLUTION NO. 10-11

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO RESPOND TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LAWRENCE BERKELEY NATIONAL LABORATORY REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR A SECOND CAMPUS

WHEREAS, the Regents of the University of California (“University”) manage the Lawrence Berkeley National Lab (LBNL), a federally funded research and development center, under a contract with the Department of Energy; and

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2011, the University issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to identify a short list of sites for a second LBNL campus with the potential to accommodate 2 million gross square feet of research and development facilities; and

WHEREAS, the University seeks to accelerate its pace of innovation, technology transfer, and commercialization, while creating jobs; and

WHEREAS, the University issued the RFQ to identify a short list of sites that meet a host of site attributes, including the preference to locate the new facility in a welcoming community with a strong interest in complete development of the site and the resulting creation of a broad range of high quality jobs;

WHEREAS, the University issued RFQ also identifies, among the desired attributes for a preferred site, values, aspirations and requirements long shared and defended by the Richmond community, including that projects are developed in safe areas that projects allow for sustainable land use, and that proposed project sites have past or still needed environmental remediation done in accordance with state and federal requirements and with appropriate and funded plans; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond is home to several green-tech businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond seeks to attract additional businesses that develop solar, energy efficiency, green building materials, recycled/reuse materials, and biofuel enterprises; and

WHEREAS, the RFQ response deadline is March 4, 2011; and

WHEREAS, due to the short response period and extremely competitive nature of this opportunity, it is crucial for City staff to work with developers and the community to draft a compelling response that will be submitted by the City Manager on the City’s behalf; and

WHEREAS, City staff will prepare general background information that developers may also use in their individual submittals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Richmond Authorizes the City Manager to submit a response to the LBNL RFQ on behalf of the City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Richmond strongly encourages the University to locate the second LBNL campus in Richmond; and

BE IN FINALLY RESOLVED that the Richmond City Council hereby directs the City Manager to submit copies of this resolution and a response to the RFQ on behalf of the City of Richmond to the University by March 4, 2011.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the members of the Richmond City Council at a joint meeting held on Tuesday, February 1, 2011, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Booze, Ritterman, Rogers, Vice Mayor Butt, and Mayor McLaughlin

NOES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None.

DIANE HOLMES
Clerk of the City of Richmond

[SEAL]

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. 10-11**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a joint meeting held on February 1, 2011.