



RESOLUTION NO. _____

BOARD LETTER APPROVAL

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ARAM BENYAMIN
Chief Operating Officer

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MARTIN L. ADAMS
General Manager and Chief Engineer

DATE: February 5, 2024

SUBJECT: Letter of Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 18 Establishing Conditions for the Management of Owner's Representative Services for Clean Grid LA Projects

SUMMARY

The accompanying resolution, approved as to form and legality by the City Attorney, and the attached Letter of Agreement (LOA), are to approve the terms and conditions pursuant to a meet-and-discuss process under Appendix B of the Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Local 18 related to the management of a contract for Owner's Representative Services for Clean Grid LA Projects (Contract). Conditions include, but are not limited to, LADWP developing a plan for the establishment of a Quality Assurance/Quality Control organization by February 2023; LADWP to hire a total of four engineering positions starting in July 2024 through July 2025; the contract to be managed by two supervising engineer positions – a Contract Administrator and Training Administrator; a requirement for IBEW, Local 18 to concur with every task order before they are approved by LADWP; and establishing that a minimum of 20 percent overtime shall be offered to affected employees in the groups impacted by the contracted work.

City Council approval is not required.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Water and Power Commissioners (Board) adopt the attached Resolution.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The conditions presented in the LOA herein, including increases to LADWP staffing and overtime offers to impacted staff, are within what is currently budgeted.

BACKGROUND

LADWP sought a contract for Owner's Representative Services to assist and augment LADWP staff in project development/management, engineering/technical expertise, contract development, quality assurance/quality control management, and construction, as well as commissioning support to ensure successful completion of LADWP's Clean Grid LA projects. The contract (Agreement No. 47689) was awarded by the Board to Worley Group Inc. on June 13, 2023 (Resolution No. 023 239).

These projects include resources in-basin and out-of-basin to replace retiring capacity and energy supplied by once-through cooling generating units by December 31, 2029, in order to maintain reliability and resiliency, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and fuel usage, allow flexibility of operations, and sensitivity to changes in equity and rate impacts. The selected firms specialize in providing consulting services for design, engineering, construction, and project management for large-scale power generation and transmission projects.

In accordance with the Contracting Out procedures of Appendix B of the respective IBEW, Local 18 MOU, LADWP and IBEW, Local 18 met and discussed the Contract and its effects on LADWP staff. As a result of those discussions, the terms of the LOA were agreed upon by LADWP and IBEW, Local 18 as resolving issues regarding the management of the Contract and mitigation of any negative practical consequences associated with the work. The provisions of this LOA are in line with other negotiated agreements for similarly scoped contracts.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

Determine item is exempt pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3). In accordance with this section, an activity is not subject to CEQA if it does not meet the definition of a project. Section 15378(b)(5) states that organizational or administrative activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment do not meet that definition. Therefore, the approval of the implementation of the LOA is not subject to CEQA.

CITY ATTORNEY

The Office of the City Attorney reviewed and approved the Resolution as to form and legality.

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution
- LOA