

# CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AGENDA ITEM REQUEST

**UTILITIES DEPARTMENT** 

TO: Ed Lavallee, City Manager

**THROUGH:** Len Bramble, P.E., Utilities Director

FROM: Tim Hochuli, P.E., Assistant Utilities Director

**DATE:** July 2, 2013

SUBJECT: Environmental Campus Enhancement Project, Conceptual Planning

King Engineering Associates, Inc. WA No. 4

## **Background:**

The City of Venice Utilities complex on Venice Avenue is a series of buildings and structures requiring a variety of repair, maintenance, and visual improvement needs to the buildings, stormwater pond, and landscaping. With the close proximity to existing and future City parks to west and north, as well as the location of the complex on the eastern "gateway" into downtown, a significant emphasis of this work effort is to improve not only the functional utilization of the complex but also its visual appeal. This work assignment will identify the specific potential improvements including, in part: repairs to flat and leaking roofs and inefficient heating and cooling systems in several buildings; investigate and design visual and functional improvements to exterior walls and other complex features; investigate more appealing and functional alternatives for fencing around the entire complex perimeter and stormwater pond; address improvements to the security systems around the perimeter of the complex; identify improvements for vehicle and equipment parking and storage, and pedestrian and bicycle traffic needs. A landscaping plan incorporating "green" and Florida-friendly concepts will be developed; conceptual plans for rerouting of existing and installation of new communications and data cables, fixtures, and conduit will be developed; the feasibility of incorporating solar electrical generation at the complex will be explored. The work assignment authorizes King Engineering Associates, Inc. to provide a preliminary design, due diligence, concept planning, and develop a report of recommendations for both the campus and buildings. It also coordinates with City staff to participate in a presentation of the recommended improvements to the City Council.

#### **Requested Action:**

We request Council's permission to approve professional services of King Engineering Associates, Inc., Work Assignment No. 4, Environmental Campus Enhancement Project, Conceptual Planning, in the amount of \$96,115.00.

#### City Attorney Review:

The City Attorney has reviewed this document and finds it to be in proper legal form.

## Risk Management Review:

The Risk Manager has reviewed this document and finds no risk management objections.

### Funds Availability (account number):

Based on Council approval, funds are available in account number 421-1203-533.31-00 (Professional Services).