



Office of the City Manager

INFORMATION CALENDAR
July 26, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
 Submitted by: Henry Oyekanmi, Director, Finance
 Subject: Sanctuary City Contracting Compliance Report for FY 2021

INTRODUCTION

City Council adopted ordinance 7,650-N.S., which is referred to as the Sanctuary City Contracting Ordinance (SCCO), in 2019. The SCCO states that the City shall not enter into a new, amended, or extended contract or agreement with any entity that provides United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement with data broker or extreme vetting services.

Section 13.105.040 requires the City Manager to report annually regarding compliance with section 13.105.030 for the prior year. Section 13.105.030 of the Berkeley Municipal Code details the prohibition on the use of City resources.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Sanctuary City Contracting Ordinance establishes the City as a leader in social responsibility. The SCCO is a Strategic Plan Priority Project, advancing our goal to champion and demonstrate social and racial equity.

Report Requirements

(1) detail with specificity the steps taken to ensure compliance with Section 13.105.030:

City solicitations include invitations for bids (IFB), requests for proposals (RFP), and requests for qualifications (RFQ). IFB, RFP, and RFQ public postings each contain the SCCO language. Signed compliance certificates are submitted with proposals and bid responses.

New and amended contracts and agreements include the Compliance Certificate attesting review of and compliance with the SCCO. Signed certificates are required as part of the City's contract documents.

(2) disclose any issues with compliance, including any violations or potential violations of this Ordinance:

Previously reported: City Council issued a waiver of ordinance 7,650-N.S. related to Berkeley Tuolumne Camp Projects. The waiver was issued on 12/10/2019 in order to ensure compliance with FEMA contracting provisions as required for the City to receive a federal reimbursement grant for the construction project.

New: City Council approved a waiver of the SCCO for contracting with Westlaw, a Thomson Reuters Company, on 6/1/2021, as no reasonable alternative exists.

A contract was entered into with AG Witt, LLC, for an initial amount of \$50,000. The City's social responsibility provisions in the contract form were left intentionally blank so that the contract did not violate federal contracting requirements. The contract scope is for disaster cost recovery and is partially reimbursable by FEMA. The contract was later amended to \$150,000 with approval from City Council (Resolution 69,566-N.S.), and then amended to \$250,000 with approval from City Council (Resolution 69,759-N.S.)

The City anticipates this contract to be valid for several more years as cost recovery efforts for Covid-19 expenses continue.

(3) detail actions taken to cure any deficiencies with compliance:

No deficiencies have been identified.

BACKGROUND

This report is for FY 2021. This report was intended to be included in the report submitted on September 24, 2021, representing FY 2020 and 2021 SCCO reporting to City Council. The information in this report for FY 2021 was inadvertently left off of that Council item.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no identifiable environmental effects, climate impacts, or sustainability opportunities associated with the subject of this report.

POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

This report will be submitted annually.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

None.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1. Resolution 69,907-N.S. Westlaw (Thomson Reuters)
2. Resolution 69,566-N.S. AG Witt, LLC
3. Resolution 69,756-N.S. AG Witt, LLC

RESOLUTION NO. 69,907-N.S.

ADOPT A RESOLUTION WAIVING THE CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS OF THE SANCTUARY CITY CONTRACTING ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 13.105 OF THE BERKELEY MUNICIPAL CODE, IN ORDER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH WESTLAW, A THOMSON REUTERS COMPANY

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Ordinance No. 7650-N.S. and Chapter 13.105, the Sanctuary City Contracting Ordinance, in order to enter into a contract with Westlaw, a Thomson Reuters Company, the City Council must determine that no reasonable alternative exists based on consideration of three factors; and

WHEREAS, the three factors: the intent and purpose of the act, the availability of alternative service providers and quantifiable additional costs resulting from the use of alternative providers have all been considered; and

WHEREAS, the use of services provided by Westlaw is indispensable to the practice of law; and

WHEREAS, contracting with Westlaw will not violate the intent of the Ordinance as its services will be used to promote the interest of the immigrant community in conformance with the intent and purpose of the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, no other contractors are available who can provide the services required by this contract; and

WHEREAS, no additional costs are quantifiable as there are no available alternatives; and

WHEREAS, failing to provide this waiver would result in additional costs to use Westlaw on an ala carte basis.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that a waiver to the "no-contract" provision of the B.M.C. Section 13.105 is approved because no reasonable alternative exists to the services that will be provided under contract with Westlaw, a Thomsen Reuters Company.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Berkeley City Council on June 1, 2021 by the following vote:

Ayes: Bartlett, Hahn, Harrison, Kesarwani, Robinson, Taplin, Wengraf, and Arreguin.

Noes: None.

Absent: Droste.



Jesse Arreguin, Mayor

Attest: 
Mark Numainville, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 69,566-N.S.

CONTRACT NO. 32000282 – AG WITT, LLC FOR COVID-19 DISASTER COST RECOVERY CONSULTING SERVICES

WHEREAS, in May 2020 the City underwent a Request for Proposal process for a consultant firm to provide disaster cost recovery services; and

WHEREAS, the City determined after evaluating the proposals received that AG Witt, LLC. was the best qualified firm meeting the City’s needs to provide COVID-19 disaster cost recovery consulting services; and

WHEREAS, the City contract costs with AG Witt, LLC will now exceed the City Manager authorization spending amount of \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2021 Adopted Budget had funds up to \$150,000 for disaster cost recovery consulting services allocated as part of an approved General Fund allocation of \$1.0 million for the City’s COVID-19 response.

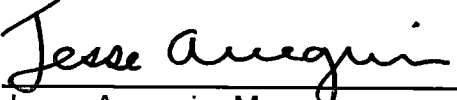
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32000282 with AG Witt, LLC to increase the contract amount by \$100,000 to a not to exceed amount of \$150,000. A record signature copy of said contract amendment to be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Berkeley City Council on September 22, 2020 by the following vote:

Ayes: Bartlett, Davila, Droste, Hahn, Harrison, Kesarwani, Robinson, Wengraf, and Arreguin.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.


Jesse Arreguin, Mayor

Attest: 
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WHEREAS, the City determined after evaluating the proposals received that AG Witt, LLC. was the best qualified firm meeting the City's needs to provide COVID-19 disaster cost recovery consulting services; and

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2020, the City Manager entered into Contract No. 32000282 with AG Witt, LLC for COVID-19 Emergency Operations Cost Recovery Consulting, for a total not to exceed amount of \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2020 the City Council adopted Resolution No. 69,566-N.S. authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to this contract, increasing the amount by \$100,000 for a total not to exceed amount of \$150,000; and

WHEREAS, the City contract costs with AG Witt, LLC will now exceed the Council authorization spending amount of \$150,000; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2021 Adopted Budget had funds up to \$250,000 for disaster cost recovery consulting services allocated as part of an approved General Fund allocation of \$1.0 million for the City's COVID-19 response; and

WHEREAS, staff expects that this engagement with AG Witt will last for multiple years, due to the extended duration of the FEMA cost recovery process and ongoing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, staff and AG Witt expect that AG Witt's contract costs will be partially reimbursable through the FEMA PA Program.

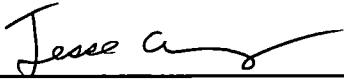
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The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Berkeley City Council on March 23, 2021 by the following vote:

Ayes: Bartlett, Droste, Hahn, Harrison, Robinson, Taplin, Wengraf, and Arreguin.

Noes: None.

Absent: Kesarwani.



Jesse Arreguin, Mayor

Attest: 

Mark Numainville, City Clerk