



Legislation Text

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SUBJECT: First Amendment to Agreement for Professional Services with Mott MacDonald, LLC.

REPORT IN BRIEF

Proposed First Amendment to Agreement for Professional Services with Mott MacDonald because of ownership and name change.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a Motion to approve the First Amendment to Agreement for Professional Services to Reflect the Change of Ownership and Name to Mott MacDonald, LLC, A Delaware Limited Liability Company; and authorize the City Manager to Execute the Necessary Documents.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve as recommended by staff; or,
2. Approve, subject to other than recommended by staff (identify specific findings and/or conditions amended to be addressed in the motion); or,
3. Deny; or,
4. Refer to the City Manager for reconsideration of specific terms (specific items to be addressed in the motion); or,
5. Continue to a future meeting (date and time to be specified in the motion.)

AUTHORITY

Section 200 of the Charter of the City of Merced

CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

Tab 7 of the FY 16-17 Approved Budget, Economic Development, Objective #5 Continue working on High Speed Rail and other projects that may serve as economic engines in Downtown Merced, and, as provided for in the 2016-17 Adopted Budget

DISCUSSION

In Fiscal Year 2015-2016, the City of Merced entered into an Agreement with Hatch Mott MacDonald, LLC. Hatch Mott MacDonald was selected as the lead consultant to prepare and oversee the reports to be prepared affiliated with High Speed Rail Authority's Downtown Station Planning Grant. The City of Merced was notified by Mott MacDonald's Vice-President, Craig Velasquez, that the firm changed its ownership and name from Hatch Mott MacDonald, LLC., to Mott MacDonald, LLC (Attachment 1).

Mott MacDonald will continue to serve as the lead consultant for the High Speed Rail Downtown Station Planning Grant. The team of sub-consultants Mott MacDonald coordinates will remain the

same. Mott MacDonald's team leaders, Richard Davies and Eric Banghart will remain on the project serving as point persons. To reflect the company's change of ownership and name, an Amendment (Attachment 2) is required to the original Agreement.

Assignment of any or all rights, duties, or obligations of the Consultant under the original Agreement entered into on October 19, 2015 will only be permitted with approval of the First Amendment and the written consent of the City of Merced. Upon approval, the City of Merced will notify the High Speed Rail Authority of the Amendment.

Since the principal team leaders and sub-consultants will remain the same, staff is not recommending issuing a Request For Proposal (RFP) to select a new lead consultant firm, but rather amend the existing Agreement to reflect the name and ownership change.

IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES

Amending the Agreement to reflect the change of ownership and company name does not require a budget adjustment or change of staff resources.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Change of Ownership and Name Notification
2. First Amendment to Agreement for Professional Services