



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: JUNE 18, 2013

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: BUILDING SAFETY & FIRE PREVENTION PLAN REVIEW AND INSPECTION SERVICES

DATE: JUNE 10, 2013

FROM: ECONOMIC & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT/FIRE DEPARTMENT

PRESENTATION BY: KHANH NGUYEN, BUILDING OFFICIAL

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: KHANH NGUYEN (714) 754-5604
Khanh.nguyen@costamesaca.gov**

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Mayor to extend Professional Services Agreements (PSAs) approved in FY 2012-2013, by amendment to Sec. 4, Term and Termination, Subsection 4.1 Term (attached) with the companies of Scott Fazekas & Associates Inc., Bureau Veritas, Melad & Associates, Interwest Group, and CSG Consultants Inc., for an aggregate amount of \$536,000, as budgeted for FY 2013-2014. This will be the first extension of a possible five (5) one-year periods at the same terms, conditions and fee rates as provided in the approved PSAs.

BACKGROUND

The Economic/Development Services Department and Fire Department operations require the continued use of contract plan check and inspection services in order to provide building safety and fire prevention services in a timely and efficient manner. The on-going major projects such as the Vivante, Fairfield Apartments, Mesa Verde Senior Apartment, and South Coast Plaza, will continue the need for specialized services into the foreseeable future.

Copies of the PSAs with each of the above firms are attached. Most service costs are recoverable and are designed as a percentage of the City's collected plan check & inspection fees leaving adequate coverage for the City's administrative cost of providing services.

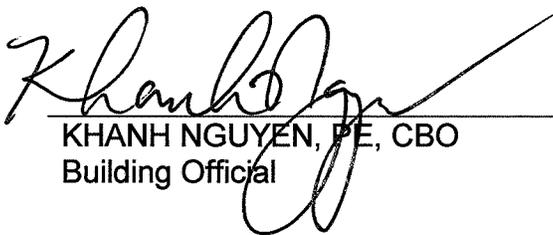
Sufficient funds are proposed in the Economic/Development Services Department and Fire Department Budget.

LEGAL AND RISK MANAGEMENT REVIEW

The attached professional services agreements are those provided by the City Attorney and are "approved as to form". Additionally, the City's Risk Manager has approved all insurance provisions for compliance with City requirements.

CONCLUSION

Use of contract plan check and inspection services continues to be a cost effective means of providing certain Building Safety and Fire Prevention services. The use of core City staff supplemented by contracts for certain services is common practice for cities throughout the State.


KHANH NGUYEN, PE, CBO
Building Official


GARY ARMSTRONG, AICP
Economic and Development Services
Director


TOM ARNOLD
Interim Fire Chief

- DISTRIBUTION:
- CEO
 - Assistant CEO
 - City Attorney
 - Deputy Fire Chief
 - City Clerk (2)
 - Staff (4)
 - File (2)

Attachments:

- 1) Professional Services Agreement Amendment for Scott Fazekas & Associates
- 2) Professional Services Agreement Amendment for CSG Consultants
- 3) Professional Services Agreement Amendment for Melad & Associates
- 4) Professional Services Agreement Amendment for Bureau Veritas
- 5) Professional Services Agreement Amendment for Interwest Group

File: Bldg Safety PSAs	Date: 6/13	
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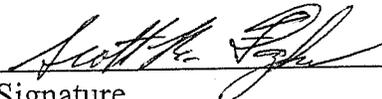
Mayor of the City of Costa Mesa

Date: _____

CEO of Costa Mesa

Date: _____

SCOTT FAZEKAS & ASSOCIATES



Signature

Date: 5-21-13

Scott R. Fazekas, President/CFO
Name and Title

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Project Manager

Date: 6-10-13

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney

Date:

06/10/13

APPROVED AS TO INSURANCE:



Risk Management

Date:

6/4/13

Section 6 - Proposed Fees

PLAN REVIEW

The traditional approach in proposing building plan check fees is to apply a percentage to the revenue collected by the agency for plan review fees. Using the City's schedule which is based on Table 1-A of the 2001 C.B.O. and the 2002 Valuation Data Chart to establish the plan check fee, SFA proposes to charge eighty percent (80%) of the established plan check fees for the scope of work requested.

If SFA is reviewing duplicate or identical plans on a project, the proposed fee is ten percent (10%) of the plan review fee collected after the initial model is checked at the prescribed rate.

When doing Accelerated Plan Reviews, SFA will charge the applicants based on the same rate as with the standard service with the City. This avoids the perception of impropriety. A minimum fee for small projects is \$300.00.

SFA will not charge for rechecks unless the plans are incomplete or revised for which the City would collect additional fees from the applicant as well. The City would then have the funds to reimburse SFA. Additional services outside the main scope of review would be charged at a rate of \$100.00 per hour or as mutually agreed upon based on the salary rate of the employee.

HOURLY CONTRACT EMPLOYEE FEES FOR INSPECTION OR OTHER POSITIONS

SFA proposes to charge for inspectors as follows:

Option 1

Full-time employee with benefits billed through SFA's Agreement would be payroll times 1.81.

Option 2

Full-time employee with benefits billed directly from the staffing service payroll times 1.45.

For example, a \$25.00/hour employee would be charged at \$45.25 and \$36.25 for Options 1 and 2, respectively.

These rates are based on the Staffing Service not being required to find and select the employee and would be contingent upon the City finding and selecting the employee.

If the Staffing Service is requested to find the employees, rates of 1.94 and 1.55 would be charged, respectively.

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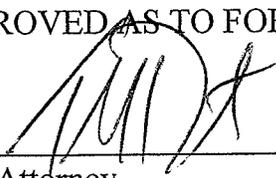
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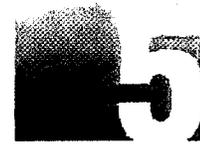
Date: 06/10/13

APPROVED AS TO INSURANCE:



Risk Management

Date: 5/22/13



Proposed Rates

CSG will mail an invoice at the beginning of every month for services rendered during the previous month. We do not anticipate the use of sub-contractors for this project. CSG provides pick-up and delivery of plans as no additional cost. CSG proposes the use of a percentage option based on plan review fees collected by the City, or compensation utilizing hourly rates.

Percentage | Hourly Rate Schedule

CSG will mail an invoice at the beginning of every month for services rendered during the previous month. Compensation can be based on hourly rates or on a percentage fee basis. Hourly fees are listed as well as the requested proposed percentage fees:

Plan Review Services

Description	Rates
<i>*Fee includes initial review and 2 reviews, if necessary; additional reviews will incur hourly fees</i>	
Full Plan Check Services by Percentage.....	75% of the City's Collected Plan Review Fees
Structural Mechanical Electrical Plumbing	
Plan Review by Percentage.....	35% of the City's Collected Plan Review Fees
Chief Plan Check Engineer (Manager)	\$100 per hour
Plan Check Engineer.....	\$85 - 95 per hour
Plans Examiner.....	\$75 per hour

Building Inspection Services

Chief of Inspection (Manager)	\$80 per hour
Senior Building Inspector (Supervisor)	\$70 per hour
Combination Building Inspector.....	\$55 per hour

Building Official Services

Assistant Building Official.....	\$100 per hour
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Permit Technician Services | Clerical Support

Permit Technician Supervisor/Manager	\$50 per hour
Permit Technician II	\$40 per hour
Permit Technician I (entry level)	\$30 per hour
Office Supervisor/Manager	\$30 per hour
Office Assistant II.....	\$30 per hour
Office Assistant I	\$30 per hour

CASp Services

CASp Consultation.....	\$85 per hour
CASp Inspection.....	\$55 per hour

Fire Prevention Services

Fire Marshal	\$95 per hour
Fire Plans Examiner	85% of the City's Collected Plan Review Fees / \$85 per hour
Fire Inspector	\$55 per hour

Code Enforcement Services

Chief of Code Enforcement (Manager)	\$80 per hour
Sr. Code Enforcement Officer (Supervisor)	\$70 per hour
Code Enforcement Officer.....	\$55 per hour

All hourly rates include overhead costs including, but not limited to, salaries, benefits, Workers Compensation Insurance, office expenses, etc. Should the scope of work change or circumstances develop which necessitate special handling, we will notify the City prior to proceeding. Annual adjustments may be made by mutual agreement based upon current CPI.

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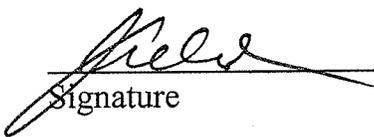
Mayor of the City of Costa Mesa

Date: _____

CEO of Costa Mesa

Date: _____

MELAD ASSOCIATES



Signature

Date: 5-20-13

JOSE MELAD, PRESIDENT
Name and Title

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Project Manager

Date: 6-10-13

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney

Date: 06/10/13

APPROVED AS TO INSURANCE:



Risk Management

Date: 5/30/13

Table 4 – Building Inspection Staff (continued)

Name/Certifications	Work Experience
Craig Palmer ICBO Building and Combination Inspector	Over ten years experience in general building inspections. Has worked in the Cities of Lancaster, Lynwood, Pico Rivera, Downey, Fountain Valley, and Manhattan Beach.
Paul Pitts ICBO Building Inspector	Over twenty years experience in building inspections, administration, and construction. Former Building Official with the City of La Palma.
Art Salas ICBO Building Inspector	Former Building Inspector with the City of South Gate.

It is of extreme importance to us to maintain a reasonable fee schedule with our client Cities. We are ready to provide high level, professional, and cost effective consultation to the various needs of our clients. If needs change, or market conditions fluctuate, we can respond immediately to any and all service level expectations. Please see the table below for our current fee schedule.

Table 5A– Fee Schedule For Plan Check

**Our fees to be based on the fees established by the City of Costa Mesa and the most current adopted Codes.*

Type of Review	Fees
Complete Plan Review	75% of the plan check fee established by the City, or at an hourly rate of \$60. Note that this includes the initial review and two rechecks only. Each subsequent review may be billed at an hourly rate.
Repetitive Plan Review	75% of the plan check fee for the models, and 75% of the plan check fee established by the City for repetitive plans.
Accelerated Plan Review	Will be charged only when requested by the City, at the regular fee plus an additional 50% of the plan check fee.
<i>*In lieu of complete building plan checking, requests may be approved for separate model code checks, and fees may be charged accordingly.</i>	
Electrical/Title 24	25% of building plan check fee or \$60 per hour.
Mechanical/Title 24	25% of building plan check fee or \$60 per hour.
Plumbing	15% of building plan check fee or \$60 per hour.
Grading Plan Review	Fees to be established by the City or \$75 per hour with a minimum fee of \$300.

Table 5B – Hourly Rate Fee Schedule

** Charges are based on a minimum of four hours upon each request of service.*

** Mileage for Building Inspection Positions is \$0.50 per mile if the City does not provide transportation for performance of this duty.*

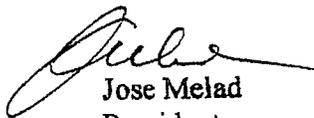
**Overtime hourly rates are based on a minimum of four hours upon each request of service. The hourly overtime rate is an additional 50% per hour.*

Position	Hourly Rate
Combination Building Inspector	\$55 per hour
Senior Building Inspector (Supervisor)	\$65 per hour
Chief of Inspection (Manager)	\$75 per hour
Plans Examiner	\$60 per hour
Plan Check Engineer	\$85 per hour
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Permit Technician I (Entry Level)	\$35 per hour
Permit Technician II	\$45 per hour
Permit Technician Supervisor/Manager	\$55 per hour
Assistant Building Official	\$75 per hour
CASp	\$60 per hour

We would like to thank the City of Costa Mesa for the opportunity to submit this proposal. We have enjoyed serving the Building Department as well as the City of Costa Mesa in the past, and look forward to getting the opportunity to do so again. We firmly believe that we have the most highly trained, knowledgeable, and experienced staff in this industry, and have no doubt that we can provide professional, thorough, and timely service for your community.

I look forward to hearing from you, and should there be any specific areas not addressed herein, or any further information that you may require, please do not hesitate to contact us so that we may respond accordingly.

Sincerely,



Jose Melad
President
Melad & Associates

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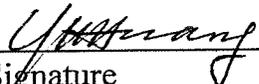
Mayor of the City of Costa Mesa

Date: _____

CEO of Costa Mesa

Date: _____

BUREAU VERITAS


Signature

Date: MAY 22, 2013

Y. HENRY HUANG, Tech. Dir. of So. CAL
Name and Title

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:


Project Manager

Date: 6-10-13

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



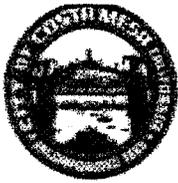
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APPROVED AS TO INSURANCE:

Risk Management

Date: _____



City of Costa Mesa
Building and Fire Plan Check and Inspection
Pricing

Building and Fire Pricing

Our pricing reflects our commitment to the success of the City of Costa Mesa by helping you maintain significant quality and cost saving benefits moving forward. These include:

- Reduced plan review turnaround times
- Implementation of established electronic plan review processes
- Commitment to maintain a flexible rate structure
- Customized rate options for the City of Costa Mesa such as hourly, NTE, percentage based, etc.
- Highly qualified staff compensated commensurate with their duties and responsibilities
- Confidence of working with a well-established consultant in business for 180+ years

Hourly rates for project personnel are outlined below:

<u>Building and Safety Staff</u>	<u>Hourly Billing Rate*</u>
Combination Building Inspector	\$70
Senior Building Inspector (Supervisor)	\$75
Chief of Inspection (Manager)	\$95
Plans Examiner	\$85
Plan Check Engineer	\$100
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Fire Plans Examiner	\$95
Fire Inspector	\$95
Fire Marshal	\$105
Code Enforcement Officer	\$65
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Chief of Code Enforcement (Manager)	\$75

*No reimbursable costs

*Accelerated Plan Review will be 125% above the fees shown

*Overtime will be 125% above the fees shown. No overtime will be charged without approval from the City

*Plan check turnaround times for large or complex projects may be negotiated



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**City of Costa Mesa
Building and Fire Plan Check and Inspection
Sample Pricing**

Plan Check Percentage Fee Option

Bureau Veritas can offer a percentage fee option to the City of Costa Mesa, for plan check services to be performed:

Commercial Plan Review:

Full Plan Review

85% of the City's collected non-residential plan check fee*

Residential Plan Review:

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85% of the City's collected residential plan check fee*

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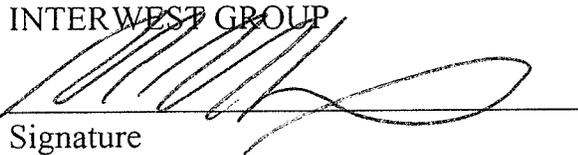
Mayor of the City of Costa Mesa

Date: _____

CEO of Costa Mesa

Date: _____

INTERWEST GROUP


Signature

Date: May 21, 2013

Tim Demura, MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIRECTOR
Name and Title

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:


Project Manager

Date: 6-10-13

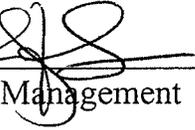
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City Attorney

Date: 06/10/13

APPROVED AS TO INSURANCE:



Risk Management

Date: 06/17/13



Cost of Providing Services

PLAN REVIEW FEES

We propose the following fee schedule for all services outlined in the RFP

Building and Safety Plan Review:

- ✓ 60% for first time check and any required re-checks
- ✓ 75% for expedited plan check which includes first time review and any required re-checks with a turn-around time no more than five (5) calendar days.

Grading / Improvement Plan Review:

- ✓ 70% for first time check and any required re-checks
- ✓ 85% for expedited plan check which includes first time review and any required re-checks with a turn-around time no more than five (5) calendar days.

Fire Plan Review:

- ✓ 60% for first time check and any required re-checks
- ✓ 75% for expedited plan check which includes first time review and any required re-checks with a turn-around time no more than five (5) calendar days.

We will perform the number of plan review iterations necessary to obtain approval of each project for the percentage of fee proposed

There is no charge for courier or shipping services.

There is no charge for mileage

HOURLY FEE STRUCTURE

CLASSIFICATION	STANDARD HOURLY RATE	OVERTIME HOURLY RATE
Combination Building Inspector	\$ 63	79
Senior Building Inspector (Supervisor)	73	91
Chief of Inspection (Manager)	85	106
Plans Examiner	80	100
Plan Check Engineer(Manager)	90	113
Permit Technician 1 (entry level)	30	38
Permit Technician II	40	50
Permit Technician Supervisor/Manager	50	63
Office Assistant I	25	31
Office Assistant II	30	38
Office Supervisor / Manager	50	63
Assistant Building Official	65	106
C.A.Sp.	90	113
Fire Plans Examiner	90	113
Fire Inspector	80	100
Fire Marshal	95	119

Code Enforcement Officer	50	63
Sr. Code Enforcement Officer (Supervisor)	65	81
Chief of Code Enforcement (Manager)	80	100

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