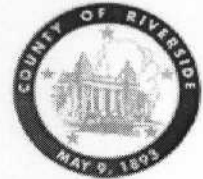


**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Redevelopment Agency

SUBMITTAL DATE:
October 31, 2005

SUBJECT: Agreement for Engineering Services, Thermal Street Improvement Project

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Directors:

1. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the attached Agreement for Engineering Services between the Redevelopment Agency and Katz, Okitsu & Associates, in the amount of \$718,470; and
2. Authorize the Executive Director of the Redevelopment Agency or designee to administer the Agreement in accordance with Board Policy and provide change order authority for this Agreement in an amount up to 10% of the contract amount.

BACKGROUND: The Economic Development Agency issued a Request for Proposals, in accordance with Board Policy H-7, for civil engineering design services for the Thermal Street Improvement Project. The firm of Katz, Okitsu & Associates, submitted the highest rated proposal.

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Departmental Concurrence

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Executive Director

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 718,470	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	05-06

COMPANION ITEM ON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA: YES

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Desert Communities Project Area Redevelopment Funds	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL

County Executive Office Signature *Lisa Brandt*

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- Dep't Recomm.: Consent Policy
- Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

Prev. Agn. Ref.: _____ **District:** 4 **Agenda Number:** _____

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The Thermal Street Improvement Project has been identified as a priority community development need in the eastern Coachella Valley. The scope of the project includes widening the streets to ultimate right-of-way, and installing pedestrian sidewalks, bus shelters, landscaped medians, new asphalt, new striping, curbs, gutters, monument entry signs and decorative street lights. The initial tasks of the engineering firm will be to develop a preliminary design report to determine the scope of the construction project, assist in the acquisition of right-of way, develop construction cost estimates, and identify potential issues that should be addressed in future environmental documents. The final product will be complete plans and specifications for the construction of the Thermal Street Improvement Project.

The attached Agreement for Engineering Services was prepared following the final negotiation of the scope of work, tasks, and fee for service. The agreement with Katz, Okitsu & Associates will be funded with Redevelopment Agency Desert Communities Project Area funds and will have no impact on the County's General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:

Agreement for Engineering Design Services (3 original copies)