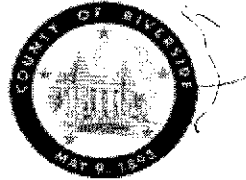


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**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**FROM:** Redevelopment Agency

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
January 20, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Thousand Palms Fire Station and Training Center Project

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board:

1. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the first amendment to the agreement with Earth Systems for Material Inspection and Testing services; and
2. Authorize change order authority to the Executive Director of the Redevelopment Agency for the County of Riverside or designee in the amount of ten percent of the contract amount.

**BACKGROUND:**

On September 2, 2008, the Board approved the contract with Earth Systems for material inspection and testing services for the Thousand Palms Fire Station and Training Center. The project is located in the unincorporated community of Thousand Palms. The Redevelopment Agency and the County Fire Department have proposed the construction of a new 7,800-square-foot, 3-bay, heavy urban fire station on a 3.3-acre site located on the northeast corner of Ramon Road and Robert Road.  
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*Robin Zimpfer*

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Executive Director

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**FINANCIAL DATA**

<b>Current F.Y. Total Cost:</b>	\$ 161,140.50	<b>In Current Year Budget:</b>	YES
<b>Current F.Y. Net County Cost:</b>	\$ 0	<b>Budget Adjustment:</b>	NO
<b>Annual Net County Cost:</b>	\$ 0	<b>For Fiscal Year:</b>	08/09

**COMPANION ITEM ON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA:** NO

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:** Desert Communities Redevelopment Project Area  
Capital Improvement Funds

<b>Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Requires 4/5 Vote</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:**

APPROVE

*Jennifer L. Sargent*

BY: Jennifer L. Sargent

**County Executive Office Signature**

Policy

Consent

Dept't Recomm.:  
Per Exec. Ofc.:

**Prev. Agn. Ref.:** 4.2 – 9/2/08

**District:** 4

**Agenda Number:**

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
BY: *MS V. L. VICTOR* 2/10/09  
DATE  
MARSHAL L. VICTOR

Departmental Concurrence

Reviewed by  
*CP TEAM*  
Christopher Hans

**BACKGROUND** (continued):

The new station and improved location will greatly enhance public safety in the community. The project includes the construction of a 4,500-square-foot Fire Technology Training Center adjacent to the new fire station. This multi-purpose facility will be used in conjunction with the College of the Desert's (COD) Public Safety Academy's Fire Technology Program. This program is used to develop trained and skilled fire personnel in the Coachella Valley and eastern Riverside County. COD will develop the remainder of the 3.3-acre site with specialized training facilities and equipment.

On April 25, 2008, the Agency issued a Request for Proposal for Material Inspection and Testing services for the project. Eleven bids were received and Earth Systems was selected based on their bid, experience and qualifications with similar public facility projects. On June 23, 2008 the Board awarded Earth Systems a contract in the amount of \$82,920.00.

Start of construction occurred on June 30, 2008 and additional services for testing and inspection beyond the original scope have developed. Due to large amounts of rebar, masonry and soil inspections requested by Facilities Management's on-site inspector, additional testing and inspection has been necessary. These additional inspection services are necessary to comply with the building code. The additional funding required for these services are within the overall project budget.

Therefore, it is recommended by staff that the Board approve the First Amendment for consulting services with Earth Systems Southwest in an amount not to exceed \$161,140.50 and approve the attached amendment.