

RESOLUTION NO. 155-2008

Adopted December 16, 2008

**AUTHORIZING A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDED AND
RESTATED LETTER AGREEMENT WITH THE MAYOR'S OFFICE
OF COMMUNITY INVESTMENT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO
EXCEED \$967,517 FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF CONTRACTS
WITH FOUR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO
PROVIDE BUSINESS ASSISTANCE AND EMPLOYMENT
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES FROM JANUARY 1, 2009 TO
JUNE 30, 2009; ALL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREAS**

BASIS FOR RESOLUTION

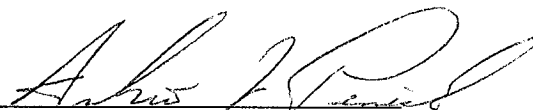
1. To further the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco's (the "Agency") economic development efforts in various redevelopment project areas, the Agency entered into a letter agreement with the Mayor's Office of Community Investment ("MOCI") for business assistance and employment development on July 1, 2007 to contract with five community-based organizations to provide business assistance and employment development services for all redevelopment project areas until June 30, 2008.
2. The Agency entered into an Amended and Restated Letter Agreement with MOCI to provide services for all redevelopment project areas from July 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008. These economic development efforts include:
 - *Business assistance*: business technical assistance and loan packaging services to project area businesses and businesses that serve low- and moderate-income project area residents, and entrepreneurial training services to low- and moderate-income project area residents; and
 - *Employment development*: employment development and training services in support of the Agency's Workforce Program, including referrals of qualified low- and moderate-income project area residents to developers and their contractors for both construction and long-term employment.
3. Agency staff seeks to enter into a First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Letter Agreement (the "Agreement") with MOCI, to extend the existing agreement with MOCI for six months. The proposed Agreement will run from January 1, 2009 to June 30, 2009, and will include a budget in an amount not to exceed \$967,517, subject to the appropriation of funds, to continue to provide business assistance and employment development services through four community-based organizations ("CBOs"). These CBOs are: (1) the South of Market Foundation, doing business as Urban Solutions; (2) Asian Neighborhood Design; (3) Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center; and (4) Mission Hiring Hall, Incorporated.

4. The provision of technical studies to facilitate façade and tenant improvement projects pursuant to the First Amendment are pre-construction activities, which are feasibility and planning studies that are statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15262. The provision of business assistance and employment development services, and construction monitoring of physical improvements to properties, are exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3). Administration of the programs is not a project as defined by CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5). None of these activities would independently result in a physical change in the environment.

RESOLUTION

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS RESOLVED by the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco that the Executive Director is authorized to enter into a First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Letter Agreement with the Mayor's Office of Community Investment, in an amount not to exceed \$967,517 for the administration of contracts with four community-based organizations to provide business assistance and employment development services from January 1, 2009 to June 30, 2009 in all Agency Redevelopment Project Areas.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


for James B. Morales 12/11/08
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