RESOLUTION NO. 201-2005

Adopted December 6, 2005

AUTHORIZING EXCLUSIVE NEGOTIATIONS WITH ZIMMER GUNSUL FRASCA PARTNERSHIP FOR A PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO PREPARE A STREETSCAPE AND OPEN SPACE PLAN FOR THE TRANSBAY REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA;
TRANSBAY REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

BASIS FOR RESOLUTION

1. On June 21, 2005, the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco adopted a Redevelopment Plan ("Redevelopment Plan") for the Transbay Redevelopment Project Area ("Project Area").

2. On August 17, 2005, the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco ("Agency") issued a Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") for a team of professional consultants to prepare a Streetscape and Open Space Plan for the Project Area to provide detailed plans for new public open spaces, new pedestrian-oriented alleys, new sidewalks, new street trees, new street lights and other elements as necessary to complete the vision for the Project Area contained in the Redevelopment Plan, the Transbay Design for Development and related documents.

3. The Agency received timely and complete Statements of Qualifications from 14 consultant teams. The Statements of Qualifications were evaluated by a review panel composed of Agency and City staff and 8 consultant teams were selected for interviews based on the selection criteria in the RFQ.

4. The interviews were conducted during the week of October 24, 2005. During the interviews each consultant team made a presentation and responded to questions from the review panel.

5. The review panel, working as a group, developed a summary of each consultant team's strengths and weaknesses based on the criteria described in the RFQ and met over a period of several weeks until a consensus on a recommendation was reached.

6. The review panel recommended the consultant team led by Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Partnership ("ZGF") based on its experience with high-level streetscape and open space planning on projects in San Francisco and other cities, its excellent presentation and design abilities, and the diversity of its team.
7. The team is comprised of ZGF, architecture and planning firm; Marta Fry Landscape Associates, a landscape design firm; Ove Arup, an engineering firm; and CHS Consulting Group, a transportation planning firm. Marta Fry Landscape Associates and CHS Consulting Group are SBE firms registered with the Agency.

8. The Agency wishes to enter into exclusive negotiations with ZGF as prime consultant for the Streetscape and Open Space Plan. During this period, Agency staff and ZGF will meet to negotiate the terms of a personal services contract, including the scope of services, budget, and schedule of performance. The total budget for the contract will be negotiated based upon the scope of work but will not exceed $250,000.

9. At the conclusion of negotiations, the Agency will consider approving a personal services contract with ZGF to prepare a Streetscape and Open Space Plan for the Project Area.

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 exclusive negotiations with Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Partnership for a personal services contract as prime consultant to prepare a Streetscape and Open Space Plan for the Transbay Redevelopment Project Area. The negotiations period shall not exceed 90 days unless reasonably extended by the Executive Director.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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