



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** May 15, 2007  
**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers  
**FROM:** Airport Department  
**SUBJECT:** Contract With URS Corporation

### RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve and authorize the Airport Director to execute a Contract with URS Corporation for pre- and post-construction biological monitoring associated with runway relocation and construction of the runway safety areas in an amount not to exceed \$119,411, and authorize the Airport Director to approve expenditures up to \$10,855 for extra services that may result from necessary changes in the scope of work.

### DISCUSSION:

The final phase of the Airfield Safety Projects involves relocation of Runway 7-25 and construction of new Runway Safety Areas at both ends of Runway 7-25 to meet current FAA standards. Project construction has commenced at the east end of the runway. Construction at the west end of the runway will commence later this summer after completion of bird breeding season pursuant to the Airport's Streambed Alteration Agreement with the California Department of Fish and Game.

This scope of work under this contract involves breeding bird surveys required prior to construction at the western runway end pursuant to the Streambed Alteration Agreement. The scope also includes two annual surveys for the federally-endangered tidewater goby over a two-year period pursuant to a biological opinion issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service after last summer's discovery of the species in Goleta Slough. The final task included in this scope involves post-construction storm water sampling for Winter 2007-08 required pursuant to the Airport's Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification with the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

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REVIEWED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ Finance \_\_\_\_\_ Attorney \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Additional Department(s) That Need to Review CAR

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## CONSULTANT SELECTION

In September 2006, the Airport solicited for biological monitoring and reporting services associated with this project. Consistent with federal requirements, the consultant selection process followed federal guidelines, which require selection based on the qualifications of the consultant, not a fee-based bid. The fee is negotiated after the best-qualified consultant is identified.

Requests for Proposals were sent to qualified firms, and four responses were received. All four responding firms were interviewed and URS Corporation was ranked as having the best qualifications for the work involved.

## **BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

There are sufficient funds in the Airport Fund to cover the cost of this contract. The runway safety area portion of the project will be funded 95% from an FAA grant (FAA AIP 3-06-0235-34), with a 5% match from Airport funds.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:**

This contract will further the City's Sustainable Santa Barbara Program by protecting the Goleta Slough ecosystem during construction of the runway relocation and runway safety areas.

**PREPARED BY:** Laurie Owens, Project Planner  
**SUBMITTED BY:** Karen Ramsdell, Airport Director  
**APPROVED BY:** City Administrator's Office