



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
July 14, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager

Submitted by: Wahid Amiri, Interim Director, Public Works

Subject: Contract No. 32300214 Amendment: Belfor USA Group for On-Call
Emergency Restoration, Mitigation and Remediation Services

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract amendment with Belfor USA Group for on-call emergency restoration, mitigation and remediation services, increasing the contract amount by \$400,000 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$550,000 and extending the contract term through March 11, 2028.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Funds are available in the proposed FY2027 Public Works Budget (General Fund 011 and Sanitary Sewer Operations- Fund 611) for restoration, mitigation and remediation services, pending approval from City Council. Other Funds may be utilized depending on the needs of City Departments.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Public Works Department requires assistance from restoration companies that can respond to emergency situations 24 hours per day. These may include flood response, water damage, smoke or fire damage, sewer flooding incidents, and other unexpected damage to city property. Public Works is responsible for maintaining 400 miles of sanitary sewer main and laterals and 54 public buildings. Immediate restoration services may be necessary for City-owned buildings or private property impacted by a sewage backup or overflow from the City's main sewer line.

This contract will be able to be accessed by all City departments including Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, and the Library which also have public buildings that may require emergency restoration and remediation. The Police Department will also use this contract to support their efforts to secure public and private property that has been vandalized.

Amending this contract is in alignment with the City's Strategic Plan, advancing our goal to provide state-of-the-art, well-maintained infrastructure, amenities, and facilities.

Effective January 1, 2026, local agencies are required to satisfy noticing requirements for certain contracts for services that meet the criteria outlined in Government Code Section 3204.1 as amended by AB 339. This project does not meet the criteria in Government Code Section 3504.1 and is exempt from the noticing requirement.

BACKGROUND

The City issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) on May 27, 2022, Specification # 22-11522-C, for two on-call Emergency Restoration, Mitigation and Remediation Services contracts for a three-year term with the option to extend two 24-month options if exercised. On June 14, 2022, the City received two proposals, and the RFP was re-issued on August 9, 2022. On September 8, 2022, the City received six proposals which were evaluated by a multi-department review panel.

Belfor USA Group, Inc. was chosen as one of the most responsive and qualified companies to address the future restoration needs of the City with excellent references. Belfor's contract began on March 11, 2023.

Public Works has used the services of an outside restoration contractor for many years to respond to flooding due to air conditioning malfunction, pipe bursts, fire damage and sewer backups.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

Restoration, mitigation and remediation services help prevent and remove environmental hazards such as water runoff, sewer waste and building debris. This contract amendment will help the City more quickly respond and stop potential environmental issues before they begin or escalate.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Belfor has performed well under the current contract and was selected through a formal RFP process in 2022.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

If not amended, the City will be unable to respond to emergency remediation and restoration needs. This will negatively impact the City as the remediation and restoration needs will not be addressed in a timely manner.

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RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

CONTRACT NO. 32300214 AMENDMENT: BELFOR USA GROUP FOR ON-CALL
EMERGENCY RESTORATION, MITIGATION AND REMEDIATION SERVICES

WHEREAS, the City needs restoration, mitigation and remediation services to respond to emergency situations such as flood response, water damage, smoke or fire damage, sewer flooding incidents, and other unexpected damage to city and private property; and

WHEREAS, funding in the amount of \$400,000 is available in the Public Works' General Fund 011 and Sewer Fund 611; and

WHEREAS, this contract is exempt from the noticing requirements set forth in Government Code Section 3504.1; and

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2022, the City released a Request for Proposals (Specification No. 22-11522-C) for two on-call Emergency Restoration, Mitigation and Remediation Services contracts; and

WHEREAS, on August 9, 2022, the Request for Proposals was re-released, and the City received six submissions, which were reviewed and rated; and

WHEREAS, out of the six proposals, the Belfor USA Group was considered one of the best proposals and best qualified to meet the City's needs; and

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2022, City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a contract with Belfor USA Group for restoration, mitigation and remediation services with a total not-to-exceed amount of \$150,000.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute a contract amendment with Belfor USA Group for on-call emergency restoration, mitigation and remediation services, increasing the contract amount by \$400,000 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$550,000 and extend the contract term through March 11, 2028.

