



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
October 28, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager
Submitted by: Scott Ferris, Director, Parks, Recreation & Waterfront
Subject: Contracts: On-Call Waterfront Engineering, Design, Environmental Permitting and Construction Administration Services for Capital Improvement Projects at the Berkeley Waterfront

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt five Resolutions authorizing the City Manager to execute contracts and any amendments with the following firms for on-call waterfront engineering, design, environmental permitting and construction administration services for capital improvement projects at the Berkeley Waterfront, for contract periods of December 1, 2025 through November 30, 2028:

1. COWI North America, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.
2. Foth & Van Dyke and Associates, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.
3. GFT Infrastructure, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.
4. GHD Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.
5. Moffatt & Nichol, for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Initial funding for the consultant contracts will be recommended for appropriation through the FY 2026 first amendment to the appropriations ordinance in the General Fund (Fund 011), Marina Fund (Fund 608), and State Coastal Conservancy Grant Fund (Fund 336).

Funding for these contracts are subject to appropriation in future fiscal years based on the department's needs for waterfront engineering, design, environmental permitting and construction administration services.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Over the next several years, the Waterfront Capital Projects Division of the Parks, Recreation & Waterfront Department is expecting significantly increased workloads, resulting from deferred maintenance, ongoing capital projects, and outside grants. The On-Call Waterfront consultants possess the specialized technical, permitting and environmental compliance expertise needed for waterfront capital projects.

The City has used on-call consultants in the past to design and manage projects to supplement City staff. These include situations where the nature of the work is specialized such as landscape architectural design, architectural design, civil engineering design, electrical design, mechanical design, structural engineering, permitting, construction administration, inspections, and commissioning of systems. On-call consultants have also enabled the City to meet tight schedules when short-term work needs to be addressed. On-call contracts will provide adequate design and consulting services when needed and not expose the City to the long-term burden of hiring additional staff and creating significant overhead.

BACKGROUND

Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) were issued on June 11, 2025 seeking qualified firms or individuals to provide on-call waterfront engineering, design, environmental permitting and construction administration services for capital improvement projects. On July 29, 2025, the City received seven proposals from professional consultant firms. A panel of City staff reviewed the proposals and reviewed, evaluated, and ranked the firms according to the criteria in the RFQ. After evaluation by the review panel, COWI North America, Inc., Foth & Van Dyke and Associates, Inc., GFT Infrastructure, Inc., GHD Inc., and Moffatt & Nichol were selected as the best qualified to provide these services.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no anticipated negative environmental effects of this action. The execution of these contracts will help ensure successful completion of several ongoing waterfront capital improvement projects that will incorporate the sourcing of sustainable and renewable resources used in construction projects, as well as complying to all regulatory agency requirements such as Bay Conservation Development Commission, Fish and Wildlife, Army Corp of Engineers, and Regional Water Control Board. This promotes environmental sustainability and meets the Strategic Plan goal of providing state-of-the-art, well-maintained infrastructure, amenities, and facilities.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The teams assembled by COWI North America, Inc., Foth & Van Dyke and Associates, Inc., GFT Infrastructure, Inc., GHD Inc., and Moffatt & Nichol are highly qualified. They have particular expertise in fulfilling the criteria stated in the Request for Qualifications.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

- 1: Resolution for contract with COWI North America, Inc.
- 2: Resolution for contract with Foth & Van Dyke and Associates, Inc.
- 3: Resolution for contract with GFT Infrastructure, Inc.
- 4: Resolution for contract with GHD, Inc.
- 5: Resolution for contract with Moffatt & Nichol

RESOLUTION NO.:-N.S.

CONTRACT: COWI NORTH AMERICA, INC. FOR ON-CALL WATERFRONT
ENGINEERING, DESIGN, ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING AND CONSTRUCTION
ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2025, the City released a Request for Qualifications (Specification No. 25-11753-C) seeking firms or individuals to provide on-call waterfront engineering, design, environmental permitting and construction administration services for capital improvement projects at the Berkeley Waterfront; and

WHEREAS, on July 29, 2025, the City received seven submissions, which were reviewed and ranked by a panel according to the criteria in the Request for Qualifications; and

WHEREAS, based on the results of the rating of the submission, COWI North America, Inc. has been found by has been found to be fully qualified and responsive to the City's request; and

WHEREAS, funding will be identified and requested for appropriation as projects arise.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to approve a contract and any amendments with COWI North America, Inc. for on-call waterfront engineering, design, environmental permitting and construction administration services for capital improvement projects for the contract period of December 1, 2025 through November 30, 2028 in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000. A record signature copy of said contract and any amendments to be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

RESOLUTION NO.: -N.S.

CONTRACT: FOTH & VAN DYKE AND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR ON-CALL
WATERFRONT ENGINEERING, DESIGN, ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING AND
CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
PROJECTS

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WHEREAS, on July 29, 2025, the City received seven submissions, which were reviewed and ranked by a panel according to the criteria in the Request for Qualifications; and

WHEREAS, based on the results of the rating of the submission, Foth & Van Dyke and Associates, Inc. has been found by has been found to be fully qualified and responsive to the City's request; and

WHEREAS, funding will be identified and requested for appropriation as projects arise.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to approve a contract and any amendments with Foth & Van Dyke and Associates, Inc. for on-call waterfront engineering, design, environmental permitting and construction administration services for capital improvement projects for the contract period of December 1, 2025 through November 30, 2028 in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000. A record signature copy of said contract and any amendments to be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

RESOLUTION NO.:-N.S.

CONTRACT: GFT INFRASTRUCTURE, INC FOR ON-CALL WATERFRONT
ENGINEERING, DESIGN, ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING AND CONSTRUCTION
ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

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WHEREAS, on July 29, 2025, the City received seven submissions, which were reviewed and ranked by a panel according to the criteria in the Request for Qualifications; and

WHEREAS, based on the results of the rating of the submission, GFT Infrastructure, Inc. has been found by has been found to be fully qualified and responsive to the City's request; and

WHEREAS, funding will be identified and requested for appropriation as projects arise.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to approve a contract and any amendments with GFT Infrastructure, Inc. for on-call waterfront engineering, design, environmental permitting and construction administration services for capital improvement projects for the contract period of December 1, 2025 through November 30, 2028 in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000. A record signature copy of said contract and any amendments to be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

RESOLUTION NO.:-N.S.

CONTRACT: GHD INC. FOR ON-CALL WATERFRONT ENGINEERING, DESIGN,
ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION
SERVICES FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2025, the City released a Request for Qualifications (Specification No. 25-11753-C) seeking firms or individuals to provide on-call waterfront engineering, design, environmental permitting and construction administration services for capital improvement projects at the Berkeley Waterfront; and

WHEREAS, on July 29, 2025, the City received seven submissions, which were reviewed and ranked by a panel according to the criteria in the Request for Qualifications; and

WHEREAS, based on the results of the rating of the submission, GHD Inc. has been found by has been found to be fully qualified and responsive to the City's request; and

WHEREAS, funding will be identified and requested for appropriation as projects arise.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to approve a contract and any amendments with GHD Inc., for on-call waterfront engineering, design, environmental permitting and construction administration services for capital improvement projects for the contract period of December 1, 2025 through November 30, 2028 in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000. A record signature copy of said contract and any amendments to be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

RESOLUTION NO.:-N.S.

CONTRACT: MOFFATT & NICHOL FOR ON-CALL WATERFRONT ENGINEERING,
DESIGN, ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING AND CONSTRUCTION
ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

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WHEREAS, on July 29, 2025, the City received seven submissions, which were reviewed and ranked by a panel according to the criteria in the Request for Qualifications; and

WHEREAS, based on the results of the rating of the submission, Moffatt & Nichol has been found by has been found to be fully qualified and responsive to the City's request; and

WHEREAS, funding will be identified and requested for appropriation as projects arise.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to approve a contract and any amendments with Moffatt & Nichol for on-call waterfront engineering, design, environmental permitting and construction administration services for capital improvement projects for the contract period of December 1, 2025 through November 30, 2028 in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000. A record signature copy of said contract and any amendments to be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

