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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: James A. Noyes
Director of Public Works

LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER REPLACEMENT PROJECT INTENT TO NEGOTIATE AGREEMENT WITH SOLE-SOURCE VENDOR FOR BASE ISOLATION BEARINGS SPECS. 6550; C.P. 70787

In accordance with your Board's Policy 5.100 "Sole-Source Contracts," this memo is to notify you of our intent to negotiate a sole-source agreement with Silvertown UK, Ltd., for the fabrication, delivery, and technical support during installation of base isolation bearings for the Diagnostic and Treatment Building. The anticipated cost of this agreement is approximately \$900,000.

Background

During the design of the LAC+USC Medical Center Replacement Project and following a qualifications-based selection process in 1999, the Project Architects, HOK/LBL Associated Architects, and its consultant, KPFF Consulting Engineers, chose Silvertown to provide technical assistance for the design, fabrication, and testing of prototype base isolation bearings. As you may recall, these bearings, made of a rubber-like material and commonly referred to as "base-isolators," are very similar to those used in recent years for construction of the Emergency Operations Center and Martin Luther King, Jr., Trauma Center. The data generated from the prototype bearing design and production process was required to complete the engineering and design documents for the Diagnostic and Treatment Building prior to submitting to OSHPD.

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In November 2000, under a proceed order from HOK/LBL, Silvertown began design support services and started manufacturing and testing prototype bearings. Completion of this work and approval of the prototype bearings design by OSHPD is anticipated by the end of this month.

The California Building Code stipulates strict criteria for bearing fabrication. Upon approval of the prototype bearing design by OSHPD, the bearings become proprietary and only Silvertown is approved by OSHPD to fabricate and test the production bearings for installation in our project. Therefore, we propose to contract with Silvertown on a sole-source basis to fabricate and deliver the bearings to the jobsite where they will be installed by the contractor with technical support from Silvertown.

In accordance with your Board's policy, we will proceed with negotiating the final agreement with Silvertown within two weeks unless otherwise instructed by a Board office. Upon completion of negotiations and following County Counsel review and approval, a joint recommendation with the Chief Administrative Officer and the Director of Health Services to award and authorize Public Works to execute an agreement with Silvertown will be submitted to your Board for approval.

If you have any questions, please call me or your staff may contact David Howard at (626) 300-2300.

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