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The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
39.		Oppose	Monisha Parker	<p>Here are some suggestions for strengthening the On-Call Architectural/Engineering and Support Services Agreements in Los Angeles County:</p> <p>**Improve Communication and Transparency:**</p> <p>**Clear communication about contract expectations:** Ensure clear and written communication about scope of services, expected response times, payment terms, and performance standards.</p> <p>**Regular communication channels:** Establish regular communication channels for exchanging information, updates, and potential concerns between County departments and firms.</p> <p>**Performance evaluation and feedback:** Implement a formal process for evaluating firm performance after each project and providing constructive feedback to inform future collaborations.</p> <p>**Public disclosure of awarded contracts:** Consider publicly disclosing information about awarded contracts, including scope of work, fees, and firm qualifications, to enhance transparency.</p> <p>**Promote Competition and Affordability:**</p> <p>**Diversify pool of qualified firms:** Encourage participation from a wider range of qualified firms, especially small businesses and minority-owned businesses, through outreach and streamlined application processes.</p> <p>**Tiered pricing structures:** Explore tiered pricing structures based on project size and complexity to cater to diverse needs and budgets.</p> <p>**Competitive selection process:** Ensure a fair and competitive selection process based on pre-defined criteria beyond just cost, considering qualifications, experience, and project-specific expertise.</p> <p>**Strengthen Collaboration and Teamwork:**</p> <p>**Collaborative workshops and forums:** Organize workshops or forums where County departments and firms can collaborate on project planning, share best practices, and address potential challenges.</p> <p>**Joint project teams:** Consider forming joint project teams with representatives from the County and collaborating firms to foster communication, alignment, and problem-solving.</p> <p>**Knowledge sharing platforms:** Develop online platforms for sharing documents, project updates, and lessons learned across different projects and participating firms.</p> <p>**Enhance Efficiency and Streamlining:**</p>

				<p>**Standardized contract templates:** Utilize standardized contract templates with clear terms and conditions, minimizing negotiation time and streamlining the process.</p> <p>**Online project management tools:** Implement online project management tools for efficient communication, document sharing, and task tracking.</p> <p>**Automated payment processes:** Explore automating payment processes to minimize delays and administrative burdens.</p> <p>**Sustainability and Innovation:**</p> <p>**Encourage sustainable design practices:** Include criteria for incorporating sustainable design principles into proposals and project evaluations.</p> <p>**Incentivize innovative solutions:** Encourage firms to propose innovative approaches that address project challenges and offer long-term cost savings or benefits.</p> <p>**Regular review and update:** Regularly review and update the agreement based on performance feedback, industry trends, and emerging technologies.</p> <p>**Additional Considerations:**</p> <p>**Equity and inclusion:** Ensure the selection process and project opportunities promote equity and inclusion for firms from diverse backgrounds.</p> <p>**Community engagement:** Consider opportunities for community involvement in project planning and implementation, where appropriate.</p> <p>**Data-driven decision making:** Utilize data collected during project execution to inform future contract terms, selection criteria, and performance expectations.</p> <p>Remember, strengthening the On-Call Agreements is an ongoing process requiring continual evaluation and adaptation. By implementing these suggestions and tailoring them to specific needs and challenges, Los Angeles County can create a more efficient, collaborative, and equitable framework for engaging architectural/engineering firms on various projects.</p>
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