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The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
16.		<b>Oppose</b>	Monisha Parker	<p>Here are some ways to strengthen On-Call Architectural/Engineering and Support Services Agreements (A/E Agreements) in Los Angeles County:</p> <p>1. Refining Contractual Language:</p> <p>Clear Scope of Services: Clearly define the types of projects covered under the agreement, including specific disciplines of engineering and architecture, and potential limitations on project size or complexity.</p> <p>Standardized Selection Process: Establish a transparent and standardized selection process for on-call firms, outlining evaluation criteria and ensuring equal opportunity for qualified firms.</p> <p>Performance-Based Compensation: Consider incorporating performance-based compensation elements into the agreement, incentivizing firms to deliver high-quality services within budget and timelines.</p> <p>Dispute Resolution: Define clear and efficient procedures for resolving disputes between the county and on-call firms, minimizing delays and costs associated with disagreements.</p> <p>Confidentiality and Security: Include clauses addressing confidentiality, data protection, and intellectual property rights associated with project deliverables and communication.</p> <p>2. Enhanced Collaboration and Communication:</p> <p>Regular Meetings and Communication: Foster regular communication between county agencies and on-call firms to discuss project needs, expectations, and potential concerns.</p> <p>Pre-Project Planning Meetings: Conduct pre-project planning meetings before initiating work on individual projects, fostering clear communication, shared understanding of project goals, and potential issue identification early on.</p> <p>Knowledge Sharing and Training: Encourage knowledge sharing and training opportunities between county staff and on-call firms, allowing for exchange of best practices and continuous improvement in service delivery.</p> <p>3. Efficient Management and Utilization:</p> <p>Project Management Framework: Establish a clear and efficient project management framework outlining processes for project initiation, work allocation, progress monitoring, and performance evaluation.</p>

			<p>Performance and Cost Tracking: Implement robust performance and cost tracking systems to monitor on-call firm performance, identify areas for improvement, and ensure cost-effectiveness.</p> <p>Review and Rotation: Conduct regular reviews of on-call firms to assess their performance and consider rotating firms based on pre-defined criteria, fostering competition and ensuring quality service delivery.</p> <p>4. Technology and Innovation:</p> <p>Online Portal: Develop a centralized online portal for facilitating communication, project document sharing, and streamlining administrative tasks related to on-call A/E agreements.</p> <p>Collaboration Tools: Encourage the use of collaboration tools such as cloud-based platforms for project management, communication, and document sharing, improving efficiency and transparency.</p> <p>Explore innovative technologies: Investigate the potential for using emerging technologies like Building Information Modeling (BIM) or other digital tools to improve project design, collaboration, and efficiency.</p> <p>5. Sustainability Considerations:</p> <p>Sustainable Design Principles: Encourage on-call firms to integrate sustainable design principles into their project proposals, considering factors like energy efficiency, water conservation, and use of recycled materials.</p> <p>Life-Cycle Cost Analysis: Require on-call firms to incorporate life-cycle cost analysis in their proposals, allowing for a more comprehensive evaluation of project costs and long-term value.</p> <p>By implementing these recommendations, Los Angeles County can strengthen its On-Call A/E Agreements, promoting improved collaboration, efficient service delivery, cost-effectiveness, and innovative project solutions that meet the county's diverse infrastructure needs while considering sustainability aspects.</p>
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