PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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			The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:	
Agenda #	**Relate To**	**Position**	**Name**	**Comments**
16.		**Oppose**	Monisha Parker	Here are some ways to strengthen On-Call Architectural/Engineering and Support Services Agreements (A/E Agreements) in Los Angeles County: 1. Refining Contractual Language: 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. Standardized Selection Process: Establish a transparent and standardized selection process for on-call firms, outlining evaluation criteria and ensuring equal opportunity for qualified firms. Performance-Based Compensation: Consider incorporating performance-based compensation elements into the agreement, incentivizing firms to deliver high-quality services within budget and timelines. Dispute Resolution: Define clear and efficient procedures for resolving disputes between the county and on-call firms, minimizing delays and costs associated with disagreements. Confidentiality and Security: Include clauses addressing confidentiality, data protection, and intellectual property rights associated with project deliverables and communication. 2. Enhanced Collaboration and Communication: Regular Meetings and Communication: Foster regular communication between county agencies and on-call firms to discuss project needs, expectations, and potential concerns. 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. 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. 3. Efficient Management and Utilization: Project Management Framework: Establish a clear and efficient project management framework outlining processes for project initiation, work allocation, progress monitoring, and performance evaluation.

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					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. 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. 4. Technology and Innovation: Online Portal: Develop a centralized online portal for facilitating communication, project document sharing, and streamlining administrative tasks related to on-call A/E agreements. Collaboration Tools: Encourage the use of collaboration tools such as cloud-based platforms for project management, communication, and document sharing, improving efficiency and transparency. 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. 5. Sustainability Considerations: 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. 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. 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.
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