



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

DATE: August 7, 2008
TO: Honorable Members of the Audit Committee
FROM: Eduardo Luna, City Auditor 
SUBJECT: **Request for Audit Services**

The Mayor has requested that we conduct an audit of the contracts associated with the debris removal program to clear homes destroyed in the October 2007 wildfires. We can address the Mayor's audit request by integrating this into our planned audit of the Purchasing and Contract Department and the City's procurement process this year.

In the Annual Audit Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2009, we proposed auditing the Purchasing and Contracting Department's requisition, purchase order, and contract management functions. This program had a risk score of 574, which was considered high risk and ranked 19th out of 458 possible audits. Additionally, we are in the process of reviewing the City's procurement process and procedures as part of our follow-up on internal control weaknesses identified in the Kroll Report, external auditors' reports, and internal audit reports.

I do not expect that the Mayor's request will impact or delay other proposed audits on our work plan. I am available to discuss this request at the next audit committee meeting.

cc: Honorable Mayor Jerry Sanders
Honorable City Councilmembers
Jay M. Goldstone, Chief Operating Officer
Michael Aguirre, City Attorney
Andrea Tevlin, Independent Budget Analyst
Stan Keller, SEC Consultant