

**OTAY MESA ENHANCED INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING DISTRICT
PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY
Meeting of February 14, 2022**

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SUBJECT: Retention of Macias Gini & O'Connell LLP for the provision of Independent Financial Audit Services

PRIMARY

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OVERVIEW:

On January 1, 2020 changes to California's Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District law took effect requiring Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts (EIFDs) to produce annual financial audits pursuant to Government Code section 53398.66(j)(1). The Otay Mesa EIFD (District) satisfied this requirement through two separate one-year contracts with Macias Gini & O'Connell LLP for audit services of Fiscal Years 2019 and 2020.

On December 10, 2021 staff issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for audit services to the District for a three-year period to cover audits of Fiscal Years 2021, 2022, and 2023. The RFP was sent to various bid services websites and to 12 firms that have previously expressed interest in providing audit services to the City of San Diego. In response to the RFP four proposals were received. District staff has evaluated each of these proposals and recommends the accounting firm Macias Gini & O'Connell LLP be awarded the contract.

PROPOSED ACTION:

Authorization to enter into contract with Macias Gini & O'Connell LLP for the provision of Audit Services to the District for a three-year term and a total amount not to exceed \$58,500.

DISCUSSION OF ITEM:

On December 10, 2021 staff issued an RFP for audit services covering Fiscal Years 2021, 2022, and 2023. The RFP was issued to a number of recognized bid services websites including Planet Bids, Bid Ocean, Onvia, and Prime Vendor. The RFP was also issued directly to 12 firms that had previously expressed interest in providing auditing services to the City of San Diego. The solicitation resulted in the receipt of four (4) bids.

The bids were evaluated by a team of District staff as follows:

- Jeffrey Peelle, Assistant Director, Department of Finance
- Marco Camacho, Fiscal and Administrative Services Manager, Planning Department
- Scott Mercer, Supervising Management Analyst, Planning Department

The bids were evaluated on the following criteria, as stated in the RFP:

1. Experience and Qualifications (35%) - Proposer will be evaluated on their experience with audits of California jurisdictions and agencies, knowledge of generally accepted auditing standards, generally accepted government auditing standards, and California EIFD requirements with respect to auditing.
2. Expected Level of Service (35%) - Proposer will be evaluated on its expected ability to provide timely and valuable service to the Authority. Factors that will be considered include, but are not limited to, the quality of the professionals employed by the firm, their availability to the Authority, and their ability to competently serve the Authority.
3. Commitment to Equal Opportunity, Non-discrimination, and the Recruitment and Hiring of People of Color and Women (15%) - Proposer will be evaluated on its demonstration of commitment to equal opportunity, non-discrimination and the recruitment and hiring of people of color and women as evidenced by policies, practices, and data provided for review.
4. Fees (15%) - The District is very cost conscious. Fees will be an important factor in selecting audit services.

The firm Macias Gini and O'Connell LLP (MGO) was determined by staff to be the overall highest rated firm based on the bids received. MGO scored the highest across the factors of experience and qualifications, level of service, and equal opportunity and was therefore determined to be the best-value bid for the District

MGO is one of the largest providers of governmental accounting and auditing services in the State of California and has a local presence with offices and staff in San Diego County. The firm also has direct experience with the District's and City of San Diego's financial statements and operations having provided external audit

services to both. MGO personnel is actively involved in key industry organizations that set the standards for government accounting and auditing in the United States.

Staff recommends MGO be awarded a contract to provide independent financial audit services to the District for a three-year period to cover audits of Fiscal Years 2021, 2022, and 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Consultant Services Agreement – Macias Gini & O'Connell LLP