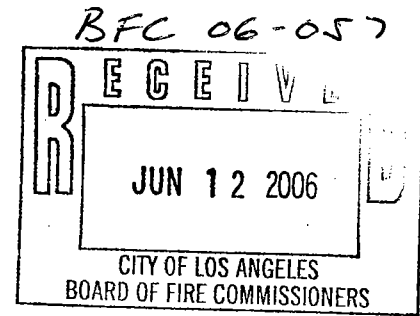


# LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



WILLIAM R. BAMATTRE  
FIRE CHIEF

May 23, 2006



TO: The Honorable Board of Fire Commissioners  
City of Los Angeles

FROM: William R. Bamattre, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: FIRST AMENDMENT TO EXTEND THE WEED AND REFUSE  
ABATEMENT CONTRACTS

## SUMMARY

In 2005, the Fire Department released a Request for Qualifications (No. LAFD-00046) and selected 13 qualified weed and refuse abatement contractors to abate public nuisances in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ). As stated in the Agreement, the City, with the concurrence of the Board of Fire Commissioners, can extend the term of the agreement for two additional years, exercisable in one-year increments. The Fire Department is requesting that the first of the two exercisable extensions to the Agreement be granted to cover the next fiscal year.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

It is respectfully recommended that the Board of Fire Commissioners:

1. Approve the extension of the Agreement as outlined in the First Amendment to cover the 2006-07 fiscal year.
2. Forward the First Amendment to the Agreement to the City Council for review and approval and to the Mayor for review in accordance with Executive Directive No. 16.

## FINDINGS

The ongoing effort to provide public safety through the enforcement of the Brush Clearance Ordinance requires the Brush Clearance Unit to inspect approximately 130,000 properties per year. On the average, 800 to 1,200 properties are cleared by the Fire Department. The use of private contractors to abate a public nuisance has proven to be both necessary and cost effective.

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The work itself can be hazardous for City employees to perform in accordance with their Memorandum of Understanding. In addition, the work must be completed within 13 days after the contract is awarded. Other City departments, such as Street Services, Department of Water and Power, and Recreation and Parks have either limited time or staff to complete the work within the time frame specified by the Fire Department.

### CONCLUSION

During the wildfires in 2003, several hundred acres of land and homes were destroyed in the wake of those wildfires costing taxpayers millions of dollars. The Fire Department's Brush Clearance Program has been one of the best and most successful Programs in the country. Every year, the Brush Clearance Program reduces the likelihood of a devastating wildfire occurring within the City limits.

The contractors contained in the attached list have all met the requirements as set forth in the Request for Qualification. The Fire Department has determined that the services provided by weed and refuse abatement contractors are essential to the success of the Brush Clearance Program.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William R. Bamattre", with a stylized, flowing script.

WILLIAM R. BAMATTRE  
Fire Chief

Attachments

**FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT NO. «Contract»  
BETWEEN  
THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
AND  
«Company»  
TO PROVIDE BRUSH CLEARANCE, WEED AND/OR REFUSE ABATEMENT**

**THIS FIRST AMENDMENT** to Agreement Number «Contract» between the City of Los Angeles, a municipal corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "CITY"), acting by and through the Los Angeles FIRE DEPARTMENT (hereinafter referred to as the "DEPARTMENT"), and «LegalEntity», a California corporation organization (hereinafter referred to as the "CONTRACTOR"), is entered into with reference to the following:

**WHEREAS**, the DEPARTMENT requires the services of qualified CONTRACTORS to abate hazards located in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, on improved and unimproved property within said area

**WHEREAS**, on July 1, 2005 the DEPARTMENT contracted qualified CONTRACTORS with sufficient crews and equipment to furnish said abatement services in a timely manner; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties wish to amend said Agreement to extend the term for one additional year and to make technical revisions.

The parties hereto amend this agreement as follows:

**ARTICLE 2. – TERM OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT** is effective July 1, 2006 and due to expire on June 30, 2007; and

**ARTICLE 4. – BIDS AND HOURLY LABOR RATE** is hereby amended to add the rate applicable to the second 12-month term to read as follows:

The hourly labor rate for a five (5) persons crew for the term July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007, is \$100.00.

All other terms and conditions of the AGREEMENT remain unchanged.

{Signature page follows.}

ATTACHMENT A

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the date indicated.

**«Company»**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

**THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

WILLIAM R. BAMATTRE  
Fire Chief  
Los Angeles FIRE DEPARTMENT

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

**ATTEST:**

ROCKARD J. DELGADILLO, City Attorney

FRANK T. MARTINEZ, City Clerk

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

JANET JACKSON  
Deputy City Attorney

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy City Clerk

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

City Business License Number: «CityBusinessLic»

Federal Taxpayer ID Number: «W9»

Agreement Number: «Contract»

**LIST OF  
WEED AND REFUSE CONTRACTORS  
FY 2006-07**

COMPANY NAME	CONTRACTOR'S NAME	CITY, STATE	LEGAL ENTITY
AAA Landscape Maintenance	Alvin Gerlach	Newbury Park, CA	Sole Proprietorship
ABC Brush Clearance	Torin Newton	Tempe, AZ	Sole Proprietorship
Avalon Landscape, Inc.	Luis Cadiz	Sherman Oaks, CA	California Corporation
Brian Walsh Brush Clearance	Brian Walsh	Los Angeles, CA	Sole Proprietorship
International Environmental Corporation	Henry Cespedes	Panorama City, CA	California Corporation
Pan American Brush Clearance, Inc.	Gustavo Occhiuzzo	Sherman Oaks, CA	California Corporation
Pepo Weed Abatement, Inc.	Mike Pepo	Palmdale, CA	California Corporation
Ray Byers & Company	Olin Ray Byers	Castaic, CA	Sole Proprietorship
Ross Tree & Landscape Company	Ross Freedman	Los Angeles, CA	California Corporation
Silent Fire, Inc.	Courtney Kite	Pasadena, CA	California Corporation
Van Gogh Landscaping, LLC	Tony Tamayo	Sherman Oaks, CA	Limited Liability Corporation
Waste Unlimited	Shane Fone	Tugunga, CA	Neveda Corporation