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To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Brian M. Balbas, Public Works Director/Chief Engineer  
Date: July 10, 2018

Subject: Contract with Ratcliff Architects for on-call Architectural Services

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Public Works Director, or designee, to execute a contract with Ratcliff Architects an amount not to exceed \$750,000 to provide on-call architectural services for various facilities projects for the period from July 10, 2018 through July, 2021 (with a one-year extension option), which may be extended to July 10, 2022 if elected by the Public Works Director.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Projects will be assigned to the on-call architect when there is an approved project and funding.

**BACKGROUND:**

The purpose of the on-call contract is to provide architectural services for various County facilities projects as they occur during the agreement period. When the Public Works Department receives a project request, it will be determined at the time whether or not it would be prudent to utilize this on-call architect. The on-call architect will provide typical

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Action of Board On: **07/10/2018** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor  
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor  
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor  
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor  
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: July 10, 2018

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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architectural services, such as programming, design and construction administration. The type, size and location

#### BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

of projects will vary. Typical projects may include new construction, building renovations/modernizations, remodeling of an entire building or specific areas within a building, tenant improvements, exterior building restorations, MEP upgrades, structural improvements, code-related improvements and deferred maintenance projects. Projects may also include fire district buildings projects. Having this on-call agreement in place will save the county time and money when compared to the time and expense in conducting a consultant selection process on a project-by-project basis, and allow the design phase to commence sooner and provide for a shorter project completion schedule. Ratcliff Architects was selected through a competitive qualifications-based selection process. The Public Works Department requested Statements of Qualifications ("SOQ's") and received twenty eight SOQs, and ten firms were short-listed. A selection committee comprised of County staff conducted interviews and ranked the short-listed firms. It is recommended that the above firm, who is in the five highest ranked firms, be awarded the agreement and that the on-call agreement be approved at this time. The agreement includes a one year extension option that can be exercised by the Public Works Director if he chooses. Government Code Section 31000 authorizes the County to contract for services including the type of architectural services that Ratcliff Architects provides.

#### CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If the agreement is not approved, the County will not be able to take advantage of the time and cost savings possible through the utilization of on-call architectural service agreement.