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ATTENTION: Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee
Agenda of September 13, 2000

SUBJECT: Mentor-Protégé Program Update

SUMMARY

THIS IS AN INFORMATIONAL ITEM ONLY. NO ACTION IS REQUIRED ON THE PART OF THE COMMITTEE.

BACKGROUND

At the January 12, 2000, Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee meeting, the Committee accepted the City Manager's recommendation on the proposed Mentor-Protégé Program and forwarded the item to the full Council for authorization to implement the program. On Monday, April 10, 2000, the Council authorized the City Manager to implement the Mentor-Protégé Program designed in cooperation with the Associated General Contractors of San Diego (AGC). The Council also authorized the City Manager to pursue sponsors for the three-year pilot program.

DISCUSSION

A meeting was held with the AGC to discuss what was needed to implement the Mentor-Protégé Program and a "To Do List" was created. The list included sending sponsorship (funding request) letters to CALTRANS, CCDC, County of San Diego (Public Works), San Diego County Water Authority, the Convention Center Corporation, Metropolitan Transit Development Board (MTDB), the Port of San Diego, the San Diego Housing Commission, the San Diego Unified School District and SEDC. To date, the Convention Center Corporation has provided funding, the San Diego County Water Authority at its August 17 board meeting agreed to provide funding, and the County of San Diego (Department of Public Works) has agreed to provide funding and will be taking its funding request to the Board of Supervisors in September 2000. CALTRANS, CCDC, and the Metropolitan Transit Development Board (MTDB) have indicated that they are not interested in participating in the program at this time.

The advisory board is comprised of sponsorship agencies (listed above) as well as the American Subcontractors Association, the Black Contractors Association, Contracting Opportunities Center, the Jacobs Foundation, Latino Builders Association, National Electrical Association, and California Southern (banking and bonding).

On June 29, 2000, the Mentor-Protégé Program held its first Advisory Board meeting with Mrs. Judy Trotter, of the Port of Portland, who provided an overview of the Port of Portland's Mentor-Protégé Program. The City is modeling its program after the Port of Portland's Mentor-Protégé Program.

The advisory board has developed selection criteria for both mentors and proteges, developed a participants agreement, performance measures and the protégé application. It is the goal of the advisory board to select three protégés by December 2000 and to start the program in January 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

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