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POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY

AIRPORT DIVISION

OPENING: Business transactional and litigation attorney with an emphasis in construction law to represent the Department of Airports (“Department”) in business transactions, construction and engineering related matters.

SECTION: The 21 attorneys at the Airport Division act as legal counsel to the Department of Airports and to the Board of Airport Commissioners relating to the four airports owned and operated by the City.

Attorneys in the Division handle representation of the Department on a wide variety of areas, including lawsuits in state and federal court, and appearances before various administrative bodies such as the United States and California Departments of Transportation and the Civil Service Commission. This representation involves litigation concerning contract and lease disputes, direct condemnation, inverse condemnation, nuisance, personal injury, landlord-tenant disputes, First Amendment rights, and matters involving the airport proprietor’s rights which can encapsulate a wide range of issues. Attorneys in the Division will also prepare many types of documents including leases, permits, reports, construction contracts, and concession agreements. In addition, the attorneys serve in a general counsel capacity by providing advice to Department management and the Board of Commissioners on numerous and diverse issues.

The Airport Division is located at Los Angeles International Airport, One World Way, Room 104, Los Angeles.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: The selected attorney will be responsible for providing legal advice to the Department and Board encompassing all phases of a municipal/airport/business law practice with an emphasis on construction contracting process. This may range from advising LAWA management regarding the business structure of the project, through the bidding and
negotiations process and into the contract administration and performance, including any claims and litigation. Specifically, the selected attorney’s duties will include, without limitation, the following tasks:

- Assist the Department on the structure of a project and related management issues, including negotiations, contract drafting, administration, and interpretation, and documentation of disputes.

- Assist in contract matters including but not limited to construction bidding, and drafting, reviewing and analyzing contract documents such as bid/proposal packages and bonds;

- Enforce provisions of payment and performance bonds;

- Assist in reviewing and processing of construction claims and change orders;

- Assist the Department in claims avoidance and resolution procedures, insurance, risk management, and bonding requirements;

- Defend imposition of stop notices; and

- Litigation before both state and federal courts and administrative agencies, and alternative dispute resolution, involving various types of performance issues, such as delay, construction defects, cost overruns, design errors, regulatory compliance, and other related claims.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** A minimum of 5 years of civil advisory and litigation experience is required, preferably in construction related matters. Candidates should have excellent writing and problem solving skills and demonstrated ability to work effectively with public officials, non-attorney proprietary department employees’ personnel and members of the public, and strong oral communication skills.

**PROBATION:** Appointment to these exempt positions (non-Civil-Service) will be subject to a two (2) year probationary period as required by Section 1050 of the City Charter. Successful completion of the two (2) year probationary period will result in tenure with the office.
APPLICATION AND DEADLINE: Attorneys interested in applying should submit a resume, writing sample, and cover letter specifying “DCA – BUSINESS/CONSTRUCTION LAW - LAWA (YOUR CALIFORNIA BAR NUMBER)” in ONE (1) pdf file via email only to atty.recruit@lacity.org by midnight, FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2020.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: This position is designated Category 16 on Schedule B of the Conflict of Interest Code.

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