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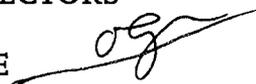
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**SUBJECT: STATUS OF FORENSIC AUDIT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND PRE-  
CONSTRUCTION PROCESS FOR THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATION  
AT THE LA COUNTY CREMATORIUM SITE**

### ISSUE

At the March 23, 2006 Board Meeting, the CEO was directed to hold a investigation into how and why Metro's environmental and pre-constructive processes did not detect the mass grave prior to submission of the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) and Statement to the FTA during the FTA New Starts process, and to present the results.

In response, the CEO directed Management Audit Services to outsource a forensic audit of the environmental and pre-construction process to a national CPA firm. The CPA firm, Thompson, Cobb, Bazilio and Associates (TCBA), has been retained to complete this audit.

As previously mentioned, Board contingency funds will be used to pay for this audit.

### DISCUSSION

TCBA is headquartered in Washington, DC with regional offices in Los Angeles, Atlanta and Virginia. TCBA has done numerous complex audits of construction projects and at public agencies.

As part of this procurement, TCBA was required to have archaeological and construction expertise as part of their proposed team and an understanding of FTA New Starts process and requirements. TCBA will be using its own personnel to meet the requirement for construction expertise and has hired a firm from Riverside County to provide archaeological expertise and knowledge of the New Starts Program. The subcontractor specializes in history, archaeology and cultural resources management and is providing individuals with

expertise in California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The key requirements for this audit include three areas of review. Review Metro's process prior to the submission of the FEIR to the FTA and report on why the process did not discover the mass grave. Identify recommendations to improve the process to ensure this type of situation does not reoccur. The final requirement is to review the environmental and pre-construction policies in context with any audit findings and recommendations from the first two requirements.

### **NEXT STEPS**

Management Audit Services has set up a kick off meeting for next week with the auditors to discuss timelines and other administrative matters.