

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

August 2, 2004

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Contract Award to Dalaj International Corp. for Covering the East Side Storm Drain, from Belvidere Street to Mountain Street, for an Amount Not to Exceed \$920,000.00

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

Accept the bid dated July 21, 2004, submitted by Dalaj International Corp. in response to the Specifications for Covering the East Side Storm Drain, from Belvidere Street to Mountain Street; reject all other bids received; and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract not to exceed \$920,000, which includes a base bid of \$835,592.50 and \$84,407.50 for any additional work the City may order pursuant to the Project Specifications.

BACKGROUND:

The East Side Storm Drain is a City-owned and maintained concrete drainage channel, constructed circa 1910 to 1915, which begins at Woodbury Road at the northerly city boundary and runs southeasterly through various residential and commercial properties to Sierra Bonita Avenue (just north of Colorado Boulevard). Under this phase of the project (Phase IIG), the existing drainage channel will be covered between Belvidere Street and Mountain Street, and a public alley will be created to improve access to the rear of five adjacent lots along the west side of the channel. The subject project will provide improved security for local residents, eliminate maintenance problems due to illegal dumping, and extend the useful service life of the drainage channel.

The East Side Storm Drain between Mountain Street and Belvidere Street is a 10 to 11-foot wide concrete open channel, approximately 925 feet in length, within a 25-foot wide City drainage easement that runs behind the properties located between El Molino Avenue and Palm Terrace. This project calls for the construction of a reinforced concrete deck over an existing concrete open channel, the reconstruction of deteriorated channel wall sections, the repair of the channel invert, and the construction of a 25-foot wide public alley, Gladys Court. The project also calls for site grading and the construction of catch basins and connector pipes, manholes, concrete and asphalt concrete pavement, and the installation of fencing and walls.

A finding of compliance with the General Plan was previously made and the projects are shown on page 6.8 of the FY 2004-2009 Capital Improvement Program.

A Negative Declaration for the project was prepared pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and was adopted by the City Council in July 1998 under Resolution No. 7640. The resolution approved the creation of the proposed public alley, declared the 25-foot wide right-of-way between the terminus of the proposed public alley and Mountain Street to be surplus real property exempt from the competitive sale requirements of the Pasadena Municipal Code, and authorized the staff to carry out the various right-of-way work required to complete the project.

Prior to constructing said public alley, the City needed to secure fee title to "Lot A" of Tract No. 265 as per Map recorded in Book 14, Page 32 of maps in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County. Since the ownership of "Lot A" was unknown and a direct offer to purchase the property could not be made, the City Council adopted a Resolution of Necessity in June 2003, which directed the City Attorney to commence eminent domain proceedings for said property, and to take such action as needed to secure fee title to said property for the City. The City retained the law offices of Gutierrez, Preciado & House, LLP to file the eminent domain action following the adoption of the Resolution of Necessity. It is anticipated that on July 29, 2004, the eminent domain process will be completed and title to the subject property will be transferred to the City, when the court approves the "Final Order of Condemnation," and a copy of the order is recorded in the County Recorder's Office.

The project was advertised in the Pasadena Star News on July 1, 2004. In addition, the Notice Inviting Bids was published in five trade publications. Bid packets were obtained by 25 Contractors, four of whom submitted bids for the project.

Following advertising, bids were received on July 21, 2004, and are as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Dalaj International Corp.	\$ 835,592.50
2. Southern California Underground Inc.	\$ 987,145.00
3. Los Angeles Engineering Inc.	\$ 1,302,880.75
4. Torres Construction Corp.	Non-Responsive
Engineer's Estimate	\$ 847,000.00

The lowest bid received was 1% lower than the Engineer's Estimate of \$847,000.

It is recommended that Dalaj International Corp. be awarded the contract for this project as they are the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and that the other bids be rejected. The proposed contract with Dalaj International Corp. fully complies with the competitive bidding ordinance and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder as did the Contractor selection process. The Contractor has indicated that the award of this contract will result in no new hires to his present workforce.

The contract for this project will be set up as follows:

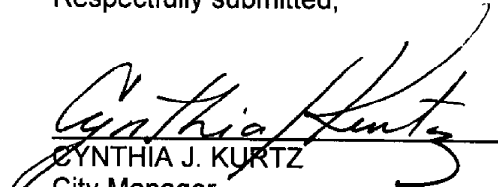
Base Bid	\$ 835,592.50
Contingency Allowance	<u>\$ 84,407.50</u>
Contract "Not to Exceed" Amount	<u>\$ 920,000.00</u>

Construction will begin in late August and be completed in January 2005.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Sufficient funds are available in Budget Account No. 76325, East Side Storm Drain Improvements, to complete this project.

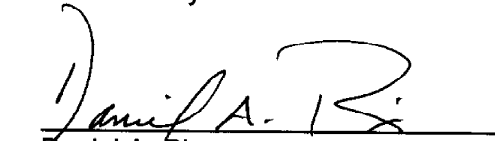
Respectfully submitted,


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City Manager

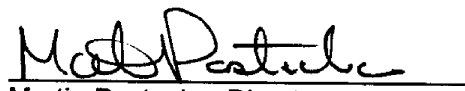
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