

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** FEBRUARY 2, 2004

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: CONTRACT AWARD TO FIELD OPERATIONS TO PROVIDE
DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE ARROYO PARKWAY STREET
ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Field Operations for design services related to the SR 710 Mitigation-Arroyo Parkway Street Enhancement Project in an amount not to exceed \$189,000. Competitive bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F) professional or unique services.

It is further recommended that the City Council grant the proposed contract an exemption from the competitive selection process of the Competitive Bidding and Purchasing Ordinance pursuant to P.M.C. 4.08.049(B), contracts for which the City's best interests are served.

BACKGROUND:

The Arroyo Parkway Street Enhancement project is one of eight projects included in Pasadena's State Route (SR) 710 Mitigation Project funded by Transportation Bill H.R. 5394. This project includes the addition of Intelligent Transportation Systems to the traffic signal control on Arroyo Parkway for more efficient movement of traffic, modification of the raised median islands to increase left turn lane capacity at certain intersections, narrowing of the median islands to increase through lane widths, reconstruction/rehabilitation of the concrete roadway and additional betterments such as improved street lighting, pedestrian amenities, sidewalk and landscaping improvements. This project will improve ride ability, improve the roadway to meet current standards and increase pedestrian safety on Arroyo Parkway.

During the winter of 2001-02, The Art Center College of Design and the City of Pasadena co-organized a competition for design improvements to Arroyo Parkway. The intent of the competition was to create an enhanced entrance to the city via Arroyo Parkway and stimulate new development. Some of the most influential and ingenious public space designers from across the country participated in the exploration of new concepts of design for the urban parkway.

Four finalists were selected by the jury to compete for the top prize, which included the possibility of entering into negotiations with the City for design services at least through schematics and conceptual cost estimates. Field Operations from Philadelphia, PA, was selected as the winner of the competition.

During the winter of 2002-03, Field Operations entered into a contract for design services with the City to complete a concept design plan for the parkway, which included improved street lighting, pedestrian amenities, sidewalk and landscaping improvements.

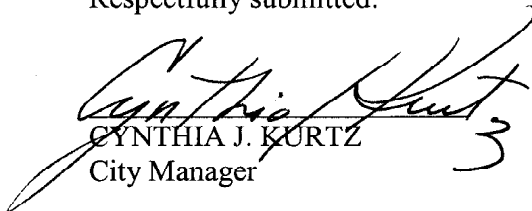
The current contract request is for design services with the City to complete a final design plan. Engineering of the final design plan will be completed by RBF Consultants who are currently under contract with the city for the preparation of Plans, Specifications and Estimate (PS&E) and Right of Way Services for the SR 710 Mitigation-Arroyo Parkway Street Enhancement Project which will include Field Operation's final design plan.

The total compensation to Field Operations under this contract is not to exceed \$189,000 including consultant fees and expenses.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Arroyo Parkway Street Enhancement (Budget Account No. 73201) project, including design and implementation, is included in the current Capital Improvement Program and there are sufficient funds available for this design services contract.


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