

Agenda Report

To: CITY COUNCIL

Date: December 10, 2007

From : CITY MANAGER

Subject: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PARSONS TRANSPORTATION GROUP, INC. TO CONDUCT NOISE STUDY IN THE BROADWAY AND GLENARM POWER PLANTS

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Parsons Transportation Group, Inc. to conduct a noise study in the Broadway and Glenarm Power Plants for an amount not-to-exceed \$200,000. The proposed contract is exempt from competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002 (f), contracts for professional or unique services.

BACKGROUND:

On July 23, 2007, the City Council deferred consideration of the Draft 2007 Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP") until certain underlying policies and principles are reviewed and adopted by the Council as necessary or appropriate. One of the IRP recommendations was the replacement of the city's aging electric generating units B-3, GT-1, and GT-2 with new, energy-efficient and reliable generating units ("Repowering Project").

On November 13, 2007 staff discussed the need to proceed with preliminary environmental and feasibility studies for local generation resource projects, including the noise study recommended herein with the Environmental Advisory Commission. They supported completion of the studies. Regardless of the City's future decision regarding the scale of the Repowering Project, the City will need to identify potential noise impacts to the surrounding neighborhood as a result of future plant improvements.

The noise study consists of three tasks.

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Task One – This task, which is the major portion, includes measurement of existing plant noise and surrounding traffic noise as well as the gathering of meteorological data. This information will be used to develop a model reflecting existing noise levels, which will form a baseline against which to measure the noise impacts of various project scenarios.

Task Two – This task includes evaluation of potential noise impacts resulting from a repowering project.

Task Three – This task consists of developing mitigation measures in the event the predicted noise level of proposed units would exceed the baseline noise level established by city ordinance for the surrounding neighborhood.

The staff plans to authorize only Task One prior to the city Council approval of IRP including repowering plan. However, it is in the City's best interest to have one consultant perform all three tasks.

A Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued on February 26, 2007 seeking the services of a contractor that would be responsible for conducting the noise study. The RFP was distributed to four prospective bidders. Three firms that received the RFPs provided responses. The proposals received were independently evaluated by City staff based on the criteria stated in the RFP and the outcome of the evaluation is as follows:

BIDDERS	EVALUATED SCORE
Parsons Transportation Group VSA n Associates	92.3 86.7
Black & Veatch	83.7

(A summary table of the evaluation is attached to this report)

Parsons Transportation Group, Inc. met the requirements of the RFP, received the highest evaluated score, and is therefore recommended for award of the proposed contract.

The requested budget amount of not-to-exceed \$200,000 is based on 1,500 staff hours estimated for the three tasks.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Sufficient funding is available in the adopted FY 2008 Capital Improvement Program, Budget No. 3194 for Local Generation Repowering Project – Phase II.

Respectfully Submitted,

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City Manager

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ATTACHMENT

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS BROADWAY POWER PLANT REPOWERING NOISE STUDY

PROPOSAL EVALUATION SUMMARY

			BIDDERS	
EVALUATION CRITERIA	MAX. POINT S	Parsons	Black & Veatch	VSA n Associates
Experience and Qualifications	50	48.3	49	49
Hourly Billing Rates	40	39	34.7	37.7
Local Pasadena Business Preference	5	5	0	0
Small or Micro Business	5	0	0	0
Total Points	100	92.3	83.7	86.7

TAXPAYER PROTECTION AMENDMENT

Under the provisions of the City of Pasadena Taxpayer Protection Amendment ("Taxpayer Protection Act"), the Contractor/Organization will be considered a "recipient of a public benefit." The full provisions of the Taxpayer Protection Act are set forth in Pasadena City Charter, Article XVII. Under the Taxpayer Protection Act, City public officials who approve this Contract are prohibited from receiving gifts, campaign contributions or employment from Contractor for a specified time. This prohibition extends to individuals and entities that are specified and identified in the Taxpayer Protection Act and includes Contractor/Organization and its trustees, directors, partners, corporate officers and those with more than a 10% equity, participation, or revenue interest in Contractor/Organization. Contractor/Organization understands and agrees that: (A) Contractor/Organization is aware of the Taxpayer Protection Act; (B) Contractor/Organization will complete and return the forms provided by the City in order to identify all of the recipients of a public benefit specified in the Taxpayer Protection Act; and (C) Contractor/Organization will not make any prohibited gift, campaign contribution or offer of employment to any public official who approved this Contract.

Disclosure Pursuant to the City of Pasadena Taxpayer Protection Amendment Pasadena City Charter, Article XVII

Contractor/Organization hereby discloses its trustees, directors, partners, officers, and those with more than 10% equity, participation, or revenue interest in Contractor/Organization, as follows:

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1. Contractor/Organizati	on Name:	
Parsons Transportation Gro	oup, Inc.	<u></u>
2. Type of Entity:		
X non-government	□ nonprofit 501(c)(3), (4), or (6)	

3. Name(s) of trustees, directors, partners, officers of Contractor/Organization: See the attached list

4. Names of those with more than a 10% equity, participation or revenue interest in Contractor/Organization:

N/A

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Parsons Transportation Group, Inc. is a whole owned subsidiary of Parsons Corporation. Parsons Corporation is an Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) with the trust holding 100% ownership.

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