

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: December 17, 2007

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: CONTRACT AWARD TO CALIFORNIA ENGINEERING AND CONTRACTING, INC. FOR THE INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTING ON AVENUE 64 FROM COLORADO BOULEVARD TO THE SOUTH CITY LIMIT, PHASE 2, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$81,400

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Accept the bid dated October 24, 2007, submitted by California Engineering and Contracting, Inc. in response to the Specifications for the Installation of Street Lighting on Avenue 64 from Colorado Boulevard to South City Limit, Phase 2;
2. Reject all other bids received;
3. Authorize the City Manager to enter into such contract as is required for an amount not to exceed \$81,400; and
4. Acknowledge the project to be categorically exempt under Section 21084 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Article 19, Section 15301 (Class 1), subsection (c) of the Resources Agency of California Guidelines (minor alterations involving negligible expansion of use beyond that previously existing) pursuant to the findings of the Secretary of the Resources Agency, and authorize the City Manager to execute and the City Clerk to file a Notice of Exemption for the project with the Los Angeles County Clerk.

BACKGROUND

The street light work on Avenue 64 from Colorado Boulevard to the South City Limit is part of a utility undergrounding district and will replace the existing lighting that is attached to wooden utility poles scheduled for removal. Because of the conflict with overhead power wires, the installation of new lighting on Avenue 64 was split into two phases. The first phase involved the installation of street light standards in areas that do not have conflict or interference with the overhead power wires. Phase 1, which also included all lighting on La Loma Road, has recently been completed.

The second phase involves the installation of the remaining street light standards on Avenue 64 following the removal of the overhead power lines and the wooden utility poles. In addition, a complete lighting system will be installed on Avenue 64 from Burleigh Drive to the South City Limit on the east side only as the west side is in the City of Los Angeles.

The work consists of the installation of street light standards, foundations, conduit, conductors, pull boxes and miscellaneous appurtenant work.

A finding of compliance with the General Plan was previously made and the project is shown on page 4.2 of the FY 2008-2012 Capital Improvement Program.

Under the State Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this project is categorically exempt since the work consists of minor alterations involving no expansion of use beyond that previously existing. Therefore, it is recommended that a Notice of Exemption be filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk.

The Public Works Department prepared plans and specifications for this subject project and bids have been received.

This project was advertised in the Pasadena Journal on September 27, 2007. In addition, the Notice Inviting Bids was published in two trade publications and two websites. Bid packets were obtained by 14 contractors, 9 of whom submitted bids for the project.

Following advertising, bids were received on October 24, 2007, and are as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. California Engineering and Contracting, Inc., Fountain Valley	\$ 74,000
2. Republic Intelligent Transportation Services, Inc., Novato	\$ 95,500
3. Ramilan Electric, Inc., Anaheim	\$105,500
4. Steiny and Company, Inc., Baldwin Park	\$115,625
5. Vido Samarzich, Inc., Alta Loma	\$124,478
6. KDC Inc., dba Dynalectric, Los Alamitos	\$129,900
7. California Professional Engineering, Inc., South El Monte	\$138,750
8. CSI Electrical Contractors, Inc., Santa Fe Springs	\$200,106
9. Christopher R. Morales, Inc., City of Industry	Non-Responsive
Engineer's Estimate	\$138,850

The lowest bid received was 46% lower than the Engineer's Estimate. Therefore, it is recommended that California Engineering and Contracting, Inc. be awarded a contract for this project as they are the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and that the other bids be rejected. The proposed contract with California Engineering and Contracting, Inc. fully complies with the Competitive Bidding and Living Wage Ordinances. The Contractor has indicated that the award of this contract will result in two new hires to his present workforce.

The contract will be set up as follows:

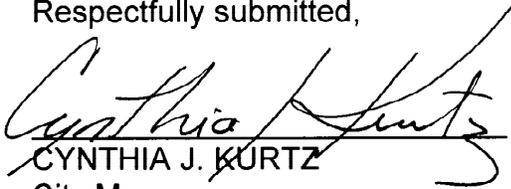
Base Bid	\$ 74,000
Contingency Allowance	\$ <u>7,400</u>
Contract "Not to Exceed" Amount	\$ 81,400

It is anticipated that construction will begin in late January 2008 and be completed in early March 2008.

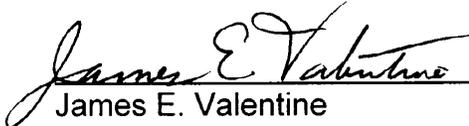
FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this project are available in Budget Account No. 74999, Avenue 64 – La Loma Road Lighting and Undergrounding and in Budget Account No. 73581, Pavement Rehabilitation on Colorado Boulevard, Avenue 64 and La Loma Road.

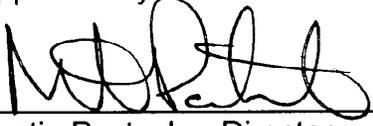
Respectfully submitted,


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