

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: MARCH 12, 2007

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: REJECTION OF BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS (CNG) FUELING STATION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council reject the bids received on January 8, 2007, in response to specifications to provide labor and material for the construction of the Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Fueling Station.

BACKGROUND

In conformance with the City's policy of providing for a more sustainable community, Public Works has undertaken the installation of a Compressed Natural Gas Fueling Station. This project includes the installation of a CNG station, 20 CNG time fill dispensers, five CNG fast fill dispensers, and a storage area for the CNG fuel vessels. The CNG station will be located within an area adjacent to the existing fueling station for vehicles at the City Yards. A Conditional Use Permit has been issued for this project and the City has completed soil testing and began site preparation.

On November 30, 2006, a Notice Inviting Bids to provide Labor and Materials for the construction of the CNG Fueling Station was published in *The Pasadena Star News* and posted on the City's web page. In addition, bid packets, which included project drawings and specifications, were mailed to seven CNG contractors.

Four contractors submitted bids for this project. Upon review of the bid responses, the bids of Pinnacle Corp. and Amtek Construction were not in compliance with the bid specifications and proved to be non-responsive. The next lowest bid that was responsive exceeded the Engineer's estimate by 79.6%. The bid results are listed below:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Pinnacle (non-responsive)	\$875,700.00
2. Amtek Construction (non-responsive)	\$878,931.00
3. EFS West	\$1,392,499.00
4. Weaver Inc.	\$1,461,396.00
<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	<i>\$775,000.00</i>

Since the responsive bids were substantially higher than the engineer's estimate, staff recommends rejecting all bids. Staff has already begun work on the revisions to the project plans and anticipates a delay of less than two months in the start date as a result of this process. The delay in construction of this facility will not impact our operations significantly as City vehicles will purchase CNG fuel at the Southern California Gas facility in East Pasadena.

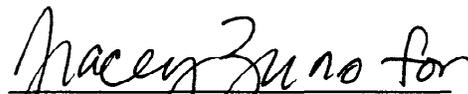
FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact as a result of this action.

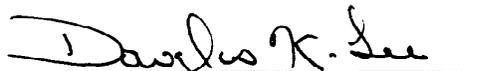
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