



Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: October 1, 2007

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: CONTRACT AWARD TO TOPLINE CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE LA CASITA DEL ARROYO WALL REPAIR AND ARROYO BOULEVARD SLOPE AND WALL REPAIR AT GRAND AVENUE FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$351,000.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council accept the bid, dated September 7, 2007, submitted by Topline Construction, Inc. for the La Casita del Arroyo Wall Repair and Arroyo Boulevard Slope and Wall Repair at Grand Avenue; reject all other bids received; and authorize the City Manager to enter into such contract for a "not to exceed" amount of \$351,000.00.

BACKGROUND

This project provides for the stabilization of the existing retaining wall in the La Casita del Arroyo parking lot, and the reconstruction of the retaining wall and stabilization of the existing slope adjacent to the intersection of Arroyo Boulevard and Grand Avenue, due to damage occurring from the heavy rain storms in the Winter of 2005. The repair work will include the construction of pile and lagging retaining walls, with Arroyo stone facing. Engineering staff is working with Planning Design and Historic Preservation staff to ensure that the wall repair work is consistent with the *Arroyo Seco Design Guidelines*.

The City applied for and was granted emergency relief funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the amount of \$174,967.22 to repair the two subject locations. The City's request for a change in the scope of work received final approval from FEMA on April 9, 2007. The State of California's Office of Emergency Services (OES) has indicated that the request for additional reimbursement of up to \$143,000 will be favorably received by FEMA, since the work is within the scope which was approved by FEMA. The cost of the project has increased beyond the preliminary estimates due to the difficult site conditions which resulted in a larger foundation for the walls, and the Arroyo Stone facing and decorative hand railing which are required by the *Arroyo Seco Design Guidelines*.

The project was determined to be Categorically Excluded by FEMA under NEPA Guidelines. Under the State Guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this project is categorically exempt since the work consists of repairing damage to the existing retaining walls, and involves no expansion of use beyond that which presently exists.

The Department of Public Works prepared Plans and Specifications for the subject project. In accordance with Section 4.08.070 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, bids have been requested and received. The project was advertised in the Pasadena Journal on August 16, 2007. In addition, the Notice Inviting Bids was published in four trade publications, listed on two web sites, and mailed out to 18 potential bidders. Bid packets were obtained by 24 contractors, ten of whom submitted bids for the project.

Following advertising, bids were opened on September 7, 2007, and are as follows:

	<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1.	Topline Construction, Inc., La Habra	\$ 318,314.00
2.	MG Enterprises, Sherman Oaks	\$ 331,537.00
3.	Remedial Civil Constructors, Inc., dba R.C.C, Montrose	\$ 331,986.00
4.	G. Coast Construction, Inc., Encino	\$ 333,560.00
5.	Vido Samarzich, Inc., Alta Loma	\$ 343,420.00
6.	R.G. West Corporation, Los Angeles	\$ 364,484.00
7.	Peterson-Chase General Engineering Construction, Inc, Irvine	\$ 411,615.00
8.	Calex Engineering Company, Newhall	\$ 431,420.00
9.	The Adjul Corporation, dba Lee Construction Co., Simi Valley	\$ 449,565.00
10.	JMA Construction Company, Chatsworth	\$1,569,230.00
	Engineer's Estimate	\$ 278,000.00

It is recommended that Topline Construction, Inc. be awarded the contract for this project as they are the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The proposed contract with Topline Construction, Inc. fully complies with the Competitive Bidding and Living Wage Ordinances. The Contractor has indicated that the award of this contract will result in zero new hires to his present workforce.

The proposed contract will be set up as follows:

Base Bid	\$ 318,314.00
Contingency Allowance	\$ <u>32,686.00</u>
Contract "Not to Exceed" Amount	\$ 351,000.00

It is anticipated that the project will begin in October 2007 and be completed in December 2007.

FISCAL IMPACT

There are sufficient funds available in Capital Improvement Budget Account 73603, "Slope and Street Repair – 2005 Winter Storms" to complete the project. After the project is completed, the City will receive reimbursement from FEMA. FEMA has presently approved funding in the amount of \$174,967.22; the State's OES has indicated that the City's request for additional funding based on actual construction costs will be favorably received by FEMA, since the work is within the scope which was approved by FEMA.

Respectfully submitted,


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