



Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: October 15, 2007

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: CONTRACT AWARD TO CALIFORNIA ENGINEERING AND CONTRACTING, INC. FOR THE INSTALLATION OF IN-FILL LIGHTING ON HALSTEAD STREET FROM ROSEMEAD BOULEVARD TO SOUTH OF FOOTHILL BOULEVARD FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$ 200,200

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Accept the bid dated September 5, 2007, submitted by California Engineering and Contracting, Inc., in response to the Specifications for the Installation of In-Fill Lighting on Halstead Street from Rosemead Boulevard to South of Foothill Boulevard, reject all other bids received, and authorize the City Manager to enter into such contract as is required for an amount not to exceed \$ 200,200; and
2. 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

This project consists of the installation of post-top concrete standards as in-fill lighting, trash receptacles and benches, and planting of street trees on Halstead Street from Rosemead Boulevard to south of Foothill Boulevard. Bids were previously requested for this work and for similar work on Colorado Boulevard from Northup Avenue to Sycamore Avenue. Two bids were received and rejected as the low bid exceeded the engineer's estimate by 30 percent. Analysis of the bids revealed that both pole types were available from sole sources and resulted in premium bids, so it is more economical to re-bid them separately. The work on Colorado Boulevard was previously re-bid and is currently under construction.

The work includes installation of street light poles and fixtures, conduit, foundations, conductors, pull boxes, trash receptacles, benches, the planting of trees and miscellaneous appurtenant work. These improvements are in accordance with the East Pasadena Specific Plan adopted by the City Council.

Findings of compliance with the General Plan were previously made and are shown on page 5.6 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 negligible 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 Department of Public Works prepared plans and specifications for this project and bids have been received.

This project was advertised in the Pasadena Journal on August 16, 2007. In addition, the Notice Inviting Bids was published in two trade publications and two websites. Bid packets were obtained by 16 contractors, 12 of whom submitted bids for the project.

Following advertising, bids were received on September 5, 2007, and are as follows:

	<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1.	California Engineering and Contracting, Inc., Fountain Valley	\$182,002.00
2.	Christopher R, Morales, Inc., City of Industry	\$188,875.00
3.	California Professional Engineering, Inc., South El Monte	\$195,300.00
4.	Freeway Electric, Riverside	\$217,500.00
5.	MS Navarro Engineering, Northridge	\$222,263.00
6.	Steiny and Company, Inc., Baldwin Park	\$225,975.00
7.	CSI Electrical Contractors, Inc., Santa Fe Springs	\$242,735.00
8.	Vido Samarzich, Inc., Alta Loma	\$248,380.00
9.	Topline Construction, Inc., La Habra	\$253,940.00
10.	Oak Engineering, Inc., Pomona	\$257,230.00
11.	Minako America Corp, dba Minco Construction, Gardena	\$543,700.00
12.	Ramilan Electric, Inc., Anaheim	Non-Responsive
	Engineer's Estimate	\$ 225,700.00

The lowest bid received was 19.4 percent lower than the Engineer's Estimate.

A letter was received from the second low bidder protesting the bid submitted by the low bidder. The issues raised in the letter have been reviewed by Public Works staff and the City Attorney's office and found to be without merit. 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 one new hire to his present workforce.

The contract will be set up as follows:

Base Bid	\$ 182,002.00
Contingency Allowance	\$ <u>18,198.00</u>
Contract "Not to Exceed" Amount	\$ 200,200.00

It is anticipated that construction will begin in January 2008 and be completed in April 2008.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this project are available in the Capital Improvement Program, Budget Account No. 75059, Gold Line Pedestrian Enhancements.

Respectfully submitted,


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