

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: October 27, 2008

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: CONTRACT AWARD TO YAKAR FOR THE INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTING AND STREET TREES IN THE PASADENA PLAYHOUSE DISTRICT, PHASE II, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$964,000.00

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Accept the bid dated October 17, 2008, submitted by Yakar, in response to the Specifications for the Installation of Street Lighting and Street Trees in the Pasadena Playhouse District, Phase II, reject all other bids received, and authorize the City Manager to enter into such contract as is required for an amount not to exceed \$964,000.00; 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 is the second phase ("Phase II") of the Pasadena Playhouse District Streetscapes, Walkways and Alleys Plan ("Playhouse District Plan") which said plan was approved in November 1996. Phase II consists of the installation of additional lighting and the planting of trees on portions of Oakland Avenue, Madison Avenue, Oak Knoll Avenue,

Hudson Avenue and Union Street within the Playhouse District ("District"). The project will result in a more pleasant pedestrian environment and will reinforce the District's image as a unique retail, cultural, entertainment, and historic area.

This work includes the installation of street light standards, foundations, pull boxes, conduit and conductors. It also includes the removal of four trees, the planting of 70 new trees which are the designated trees for the District according to the approved Street Tree Master Plan and the Playhouse District Plan, the installation of tree grates, the repair of sidewalks, and miscellaneous appurtenant work. With the removal of the four trees, street lighting will be able to be placed in the proper location for ultimate lighting levels and approved street trees will be placed to achieve the ultimate spacing, both of which will enhance the image of the District.

Findings of compliance with the General Plan were previously made and are shown on page 2.20 of the FY 2009-2014 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 specifications for this project and bids have been received.

This project was advertised in the Pasadena Star News on September 26, 2008. In addition, the Notice Inviting Bids was published in two trade publications and two websites. Bid packets were obtained by 24 contractors, 12 of whom submitted bids for the project.

Following advertising, bids were received on October 17, 2008, and are as follows:

	<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1.	Yakar, Glendora	\$ 876,195.00
2.	California Professional Engineer, South El Monte	\$ 913,927.00
3.	Pro Tech Engineering, Corona Del Mar	\$ 919,971.00
4.	California Engineering and Contracting, Inc., Fountain Valley	\$ 924,391.00
5.	Freeway Electric, Riverside	\$ 958,200.00
6.	C.T. & F., Inc., Bell Gardens	\$ 974,655.46
7.	E. C. Construction, South El Monte	\$ 990,116.00
8.	Mega Way Enterprises, Pomona	\$ 999,886.00
9.	Comet Electric, Inc., Canoga Park	\$1,115,840.00
10.	KDC Inc. dba Dynalectric, Los Alamitos	\$1,127,294.00
11.	G Coast Construction, Encino	\$1,171,920.00
12.	CSI Electrical Contractors, Inc., Santa Fe Springs	Non Responsive
	Engineer's Estimate	\$1,010,324.00

The lowest responsive bid received was 13.3 percent lower than the Engineer's Estimate. Therefore, it is recommended that Yakar 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 Yakar 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:

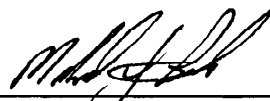
Base Bid	\$ 876,195.00
Contingency Allowance	<u>\$ 87,805.00</u>
Contract "Not to Exceed" Amount	\$ 964,000.00

It is anticipated that work will begin in January and be completed in April 2009.

FISCAL IMPACT:


Funds for this project are available in Budget Account No. 73125, Playhouse District Streetscapes, Walkways and Alley, Phase II.

Respectfully submitted,



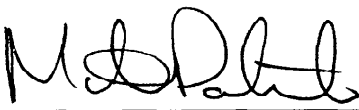
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