

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: JULY 13, 2009

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: CONTRACT AWARD TO DIVERSIFIED LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT INC. FOR SOUTH LAKE AVENUE STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS TO TWO ISLANDS ON DEL MAR AVENUE, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$103,000

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Acknowledge the project to be categorically exempt under Article 19, Section 15304, subsection (b) of the California Environment Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with section 21084 of the Public Resources Code; and
2. Accept the bid, dated June 24, 2009, submitted by Diversified Management Inc. in response to the specifications for South Lake Avenue Streetscape Improvements to Two Islands on Del Mar Avenue; reject all other bids received; and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract not to exceed \$103,000.

BACKGROUND:

The project will provide for the installation of a low-flow irrigation system which reduces water consumption and drought tolerant planting in the two median islands on Del Mar Avenue and South Lake Avenue. The work includes the removal of existing shrubs, groundcovers, soil, and the installation of new electrical outlets, tree uprights, irrigation, and planting. This project is included in the City's adopted Capital Improvement Program.

Plans and specifications for the subject project were prepared by the Department of Public Works. 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 May 28, 2009. In addition, the Notice Inviting Bids was published in two trade publications and two websites. Bid packets were obtained by 27 contractors, 12 of whom submitted bids for the project.

Following advertising, bids were received on June 24, 2009, and are as follows:

| <u>Bidder</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|--|---------------|
| 1. Diversified Landscape Management Inc. | \$ 93,228.88 |
| 2. Belaire-West Landscape, Inc. | .\$ 96,519.00 |
| 3. F S Construction | \$ 99,225.00 |
| 4. Ace Construction & Design Inc. | \$101,805.91 |
| 5. Yakar | \$106,655.00 |
| 6. Lets Build It Inc. | \$115,857.20 |
| 7. G. Coast Construction | \$125,312.00 |
| 8. Arc-Accucon Construction, Inc. | \$135,814.50 |
| 9. Addscape, Inc. | \$136,730.00 |
| 10. J D C Inc. | \$135,025.00 |
| 11. E.C. Construction | \$144,738.14 |
| 12. Vido Samarzich, Inc. | \$144,795.00 |
| Engineer's Estimate | \$119,656 |

The total bid price of the improvements from the lowest responsive bidder was 22 percent lower than the Engineer's Estimate which is likely due to the competitive nature of the industry and the conservative approach in preparing the estimate. It is recommended that Diversified Landscape Management Inc. be awarded the contract for this project as they are the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and that all other bids be rejected. The proposed contract with Diversified Landscape Management Inc. fully complies with the competitive bidding ordinance and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder as did the Contractor selection process. The Contractor has indicated that the award of this contract will result in no new hires to the present workforce. It is anticipated that construction will begin in September 2009, and will be completed by October 2009.

The proposed contract with Diversified Landscape Management Inc. will be as follows:

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| Base Bid | \$ 93,228.88 |
| Contingency Allowance | \$ 9,771.12 |
| Contract "Not to Exceed" Amount | \$103,000.00 |

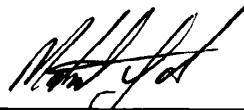
ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

This project address Green Policy Initiatives #3 "Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions" by adding new plants that will convert greenhouse gasses and thereby help provide a net reduction. The project also addresses a portion of Green Policy Initiatives #19 "Irrigation Efficiencies" by providing a landscape that requires very little water while improving the aesthetic of the project area.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Sufficient funding from the South Lake Parking Fund is available in Capital Improvement Program budget account number 73706 - South Lake Avenue Streetscape Improvements.

Respectfully submitted,




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