

February 7, 2011

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Water and Power Department

SUBJECT: **AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AMAX**

CONTROL FOR PROVIDING LABOR AND MATERIALS TO RENOVATE

THE GLENARM FOUNTAIN

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1. Find that the project proposed herein to be categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15301, Class 1, Existing Facilities;
- 2. Accept the bid dated October 25, 2010, submitted by Amax Control in response to the Specifications LD-10-1 for providing labor and materials to renovate the Glenarm fountain, reject all other bids received, and authorize the City Manager to enter into such contract as is required for an amount not to exceed \$198,000.

BACKGROUND:

Pasadena Water and Power currently operates the Glenarm Fountain that is located at the southeast corner of the Glenarm Street and Fair Oaks Avenue intersection. The Glenarm Fountain is a contributing feature to the historic designation of the Glenarm Power Plant Building and throughout the years has been admired by a few generations of City of Pasadena (City) residents.

The Glenarm Fountain, which operates by re-circulating the water in the basin, was built in 1938. Presently, the mechanical, plumbing, and structural components have shown significant degradation due to rust and corrosion. These components are located in the underground vault beneath the Glenarm Fountain.

The proposed contract will replace the old plumbing with new pumps, valves, and copper piping; the old mechanical controls with new electronic control system; and the old structural supports with new stainless steel design. In addition, a new filtration

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system will be added to maintain clean water and reduce water usage. Replacement of these old components and addition of the new filtration system will ensure continued operation of the fountain and will promote water conservation. None of this work will involve any of the historic elements of the fountain.

At some future time, the City would like to undertake a separate project to renovate the fountain. Those renovations could include replacement of broken basin floor tiles and re-anchoring of capstone in the perimeter of the basin, among other things. When there is funding for such a project, and a certain scope of work, the City will undertake the appropriate land use and environmental process.

The Pasadena Water and Power Department prepared the 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.

On September 30, 2010, the Notice Inviting Bids for providing labor and materials to renovate the Glenarm fountain was advertised in the Pasadena Star-News and posted on the City's website. Bid packets were obtained by 19 prospective bidders, six of whom submitted bids for the project.

Following advertising, bids were received on October 26, 2010, and are as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Amax Control, Encino, CA Topline Construction Inc., La Habra, CA Trinity Process, Norwalk, CA Condor, Inc., El Monte, CA Perry C. Thomas, Monrovia, CA ARB Inc., Lake Forest, CA	\$ 180,000 \$ 213,000 \$ 214,135 \$ 239,000 \$ 347,962 \$ 391,500
Engineer's Estimate	\$250,000

It is recommended that Amax Control be awarded the contract for this project as they are the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Amax Control's bid is 28% lower than the engineer's estimate. The proposed contract fully complies with Competitive Bidding and Living Wage Ordinances.

The proposed contract will be set up as follows:

Base Bid	\$ 180,000
Contingency Allowance	\$ 18,000
Contract "Not-to-Exceed" Amount	\$ 198,000

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COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

This project supports the City Council Strategic Goal to improve, maintain, and enhance public facilities and infrastructure. It also supports the Public Facilities Element of the General Plan by maintaining public facilities to enhance the quality of life of the community.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

Staff recommends that the City Council find the project to be categorically exempt in accordance with Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15301, Class 1, Existing Facilities of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This exemption includes the repair and maintenance of an existing facility involving negligible or no expansion of use. The project is the plumbing and mechanical repair only of the existing fountain.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

There is sufficient funding in the current fiscal year for Capital Improvement Project 3180, Power Production Facility Improvements, Budget Account No. 8114-411-841200-0311-21995.

Respectfully submitted,

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