

Agenda Report

August 13, 2012

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Department of Public Works

SUBJECT: CONTRACT AWARD TO E.C. CONSTRUCTION FOR FOOTING AND POLE CONSTRUCTION FOR THE PASADENA WAYFINDING SIGNAGE PROJECT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$330,000

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Acknowledge the project to be exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Title 14, Chapter 3 Section 15061(b)(3), the General Rule, that CEQA only applies to projects that have a potential for causing a significant effect on the environment; and Section 15302, which applies to the replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced; and
2. Accept the bid dated July 31, 2012, submitted by E.C. Construction, in response to the Project Specifications for the Footing and Pole Construction of the Pasadena Wayfinding Signage Project, reject all other bids received, and authorize the City Manager to enter into such contract as is required for an amount not to exceed \$330,000.

BACKGROUND:

The Footing and Pole Construction for the Pasadena Wayfinding Signage Project is part of the Pasadena Wayfinding Program, which will provide a unified design and implementation of a wayfinding system for the City of Pasadena to enhance the image of Old Pasadena, Civic Center, Playhouse, South Lake and other business district areas. More than 300 new signs will direct visitors to parking and major destinations. The program will also help create a sense of community, improve access and district identification. Pedestrian signs will enhance connectivity to public transit as well as retail and cultural destinations. Signs will identify the different business districts and promote economic vitality by providing a more convenient way of directing visitors to local shopping areas. The project will include signage that will direct pedestrians and bicyclists to destinations off the main highways and from major transit centers.

This portion of the work consists of the sawcutting and removal of existing sidewalk or landscaping, construction of reinforced concrete footings, installation of City-furnished anchor bolts and steel poles for future installation of wayfinding signage by City crews at various locations in the City.

The Department of Public Works prepared Plans and Specifications for the subject project, and 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 Star News on July 16, 2012. In addition, the Notice Inviting Bids was published in three trade publications and listed on the City website. Bid packets were obtained by 11 contractors, and 6 bids were submitted for the project.

Following advertising, bids were opened on July 31, 2012, and are as follows:

Bidder	Amount
1. EC Construction, South El Monte, CA	\$299,240.00
2. Traffic Development Services, Moorpark, CA	\$390,000.00
3. ARC Construction Co., La Crescenta, CA	\$394,150.00
4. Mallcraft Builders Inc., Pasadena, CA	\$479,820.00
5. JDC Inc., Rancho Cucamonga, CA	\$620,000.00
6. Pasadena Builders Inc. Pasadena, CA	Non-Responsive
Engineer's Estimate	\$250,000

It is recommended that E.C. Construction be awarded the contract for this project as they are the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The proposed contract with E.C. Construction fully complies with the Competitive Bidding and Living Wage Ordinances. The Contractor has indicated that the award of this contract will result in no new hires to his present workforce.

The proposed contract will be set up as follows:

Base Bid	\$ 299,240.00
Contingency Allowance	<u>\$ 30,760.00</u>
Contract "Not to Exceed" Amount	\$ 330,000.00

It is anticipated that Footing and Pole Construction for the Pasadena Wayfinding Signage Project will begin in September and be completed in November 2012. The fabrication of signs and poles for this project will be completed under a separate purchase order. The vehicular signs and poles are scheduled to be delivered within 30 working days after issuance of the purchase order, and the pedestrian signs and poles within 50 working days. It is anticipated that the vehicular signs and poles will be delivered to the City in October 2012 to allow City crews to begin installation of signs prior to the holidays.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The Pasadena Wayfinding Program supports the City Council strategic goal to support and promote the quality of life and the local economy. The project is consistent with the Mobility Element of the General Plan by implementing improved directional signage to accommodate the needs of users and of multi-modal travelers. A finding of compliance with the General Plan was previously made in the FY 2013-2017 Capital Improvement Program.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

On July 18, 2012, City staff determined that the project is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act in accordance with Title 14, Chapter 3 Section 15061(b)(3), the General Rule, that CEQA only applies to projects that have a potential for causing a significant effect on the environment; and Section 15302, which applies to the replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. A Notice of Exemption for the project was filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk on July 20, 2012. There are no changed circumstances or new information which require further environmental review.

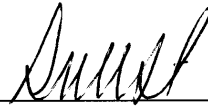
FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost of this contract will be \$330,000, and the total cost of this action is \$360,000. Funding for this action will be addressed by the utilization of existing budgeted appropriations of Pasadena Economic Development Funds, in the Pasadena Wayfinding Program CIP project (Budget Account No. 75044). It is anticipated that the total construction costs will be spent in Fiscal Year 2013. The anticipated impact to other operational programs or capital projects as a result of this action will be minimal.

The following table presents a contract summary.

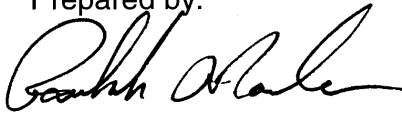
Contract Amount	\$299,240.00
Contingency	\$ 30,760.00
Contract Total	\$330,000.00
Administration/Inspection	\$ 30,000.00
Total Fiscal Impact	\$360,000.00

Respectfully submitted,



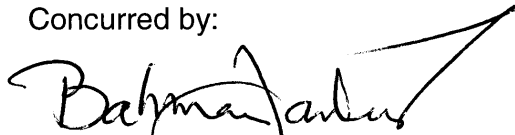
SIOBHAN FOSTER
Director
Department of Public Works

Prepared by:



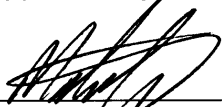
POE _____
Stephen Walker
Principal Engineer

Concurred by:



for _____
FREDERICK C. DOCK
Director
Department of Transportation

Approved by:



MICHAEL J. BECK
City Manager