

Agenda Report

July 20, 2020

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Water and Power Department
SUBJECT: **AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BLUSKY RESTORATION CONTRACTORS LLC FOR ASBESTOS ABATEMENT AND REMEDIATION FOR THE WATER AND POWER DEPARTMENT**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the proposed action is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1 – Existing Facilities) and that there are no features that distinguish this project from others in the exempt class and, therefore, there are no unusual circumstances; and
2. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract, based on a competitive selection process as specified by Section 4.08.047 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, with BluSky Restoration Contractors LLC. ("Harbro"), for asbestos remediation and abatement for an amount not to exceed \$500,000 or five years, whichever occurs first, with two additional one-year optional extensions of \$100,000 each, or whichever occurs first. The total contract amount including optional extensions would be equal to \$700,000 over a period of seven years.

BACKGROUND:

The Water and Power Department ("PWP") provides electricity to more than 65,000 customers through a complex system of overhead and underground network of wires, switches, power poles, and vaults. PWP has approximately 7,600 underground utility vaults that contain various high voltage equipment and cables. During the normal course of operations and maintenance of these vaults, PWP requires the services of a hazardous material abatement contractor, which can remove asbestos from cables and structural components within these underground utility vaults and provide emergency mobilization and demobilization.

The proposed contract will provide all necessary services to carry out emergency disposal of asbestos in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations.

A Request for Proposals ("RFP") was advertised in the Pasadena Journal Newspaper and on the City's website via PlanetBids on April 17, 2020. 1224 vendors received electronic notification, 48 vendors reviewed the solicitation, and 40 vendors downloaded the solicitation (one local). The local vendor who downloaded the solicitation did not have relative experience. No local vendors submitted proposals and there are no known local vendors who provide asbestos abatement and remediation. Two proposals were received in response to the solicitation.

The proposals were evaluated per the following criteria outlined in the RFP evaluation criteria as shown in Table I:

Table I: RFP Evaluation Criteria

Scoring Criteria	Maximum Points
Experience/Qualifications	35
Cost Evaluation	30
Project Approach/Proposed Solutions	25
Local Business Preference	5
Small or Micro-Business	5
Total Score	100

Table II summarizes the evaluated scores for each proposal based on the average score of three evaluators by internal PWP staff who have experience in this scope of work. Additional scoring details are provided in Attachment A.

Table II: Summary of Evaluated Scores

Firm Name	Office Location	Average Score
Harbro	Signal Hill, CA	70.33
Ironstep Construction & Engineering LLC.	Lakewood, CA	65.67

Harbro received the highest score based on the evaluation criteria. Therefore, staff respectfully recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract with Harbro for emergency asbestos remediation and abatement for an amount not to exceed \$500,000, or 5 years, whichever occurs first, with two additional one-year extensions of \$100,000 each, or whichever occurs first.

The City of Pasadena has awarded a contract to Harbro for an amount not to exceed \$250,000 and four purchase orders since 2015 for an amount not to exceed \$159,996 for asbestos abatement, asbestos removal, and hazardous materials treatment.

The recommended contract is only focused on emergency asbestos abatement and services in proximity to energized electrical conductors and equipment. Staff is currently developing specifications for another contract for planned asbestos, lead, and mold abatement, anticipated to be advertised in July 2020. Staff anticipates achieving lower overall costs by issuing a separate specification for those services that are not in proximity to energized equipment.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The proposed contract is consistent with the Public Facilities Element of the General Plan and supports the Council's goal to improve, maintain and enhance public facilities infrastructure to provide a high level of public service which adds to the quality of life in the City and increase its attractiveness through more efficient management of resources, to provide cost effective and innovative management of the City's resources, and to implement capital improvements that will maintain and rehabilitate infrastructure.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The recommended action is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1 – Existing Facilities). Class 1 exempts from environmental review "the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use." The proposed project action to enter into a contract for emergency asbestos remediation and abatement would provide for maintenance of existing facilities (e.g., vaults), with no expansion of the use or capacity. There are no features that distinguish this project from others in the exempt class and, therefore, there are no unusual circumstances.

FISCAL IMPACT:

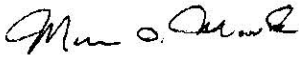
The maximum cost of this action will be \$700,000. Funding for this action will be addressed by the utilization of existing and future appropriations in the Power Operating Fund 401 and Power Capital Fund 411.

Respectfully submitted,



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