

Agenda Report

April 19, 2021

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Department of Water and Power

SUBJECT: CONTRACT AWARD TO VCI UTILITY SERVICES, LLC DBA VANTAGE UTILITY SERVICES, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN OIL CONTAINMENT SYSTEM AT THE VILLA SUBSTATION FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$550,000

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find the proposed action to be categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(b) (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. (i) Accept the bid dated December 30, 2020, submitted by VCI Utility Services, LLC DBA Vantage Utility Services ("VCI"), in response to the Notice Inviting Bids for Specification LD-21-11; (ii) Reject all other bids received; and, (iii) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with VCI for an amount not to exceed \$550,000 which includes the base bid amount of \$500,000 plus a contingency of \$50,000 to provide for any necessary change orders.

BACKGROUND:

Construction of an oil containment system at Villa Substation is included in PWP's Electric Distribution System Master Plan to prevent environmental damage resulting from potential mineral oil spills originating from transformers or electrical equipment. Federal Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") regulations require that regulated facilities, including electric facilities, have Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure plans in place to ensure that potentially large oil spills be contained within the immediate area. A large oil spill can be very costly to remediate, and has the potential to seep into the ground water. The Villa Substation was constructed in 1980 prior to these regulations and it is currently not in compliance. The proposed construction project will make the Villa Substation compliant with Title 40 (Protection of

Environment), Code of Federal Regulations, and Part 112 (Oil Pollution Prevention). The scope of work includes the removal and replacement of existing gravel; soil excavation, backfill, compaction, testing and shoring; installation of reinforced concrete pipe, polyvinyl chloride ("PVC") pipe, reinforced concrete trench with grates, and reinforced concrete structures; hauling, demolition, cleanup, and miscellaneous appurtenant work.

A Notice Inviting Bids for Specification LD-21-11 was published in the Pasadena Press and Pasadena Journal on November 12, 2020 and also posted on PlanetBids on November 5, 2020. The posting generated notices to all vendors who have previously registered with the City for this particular commodity class. A total of 28 vendors downloaded the Specifications of which one was local. A total of two bids were received by the bid opening date, none from local firms. Staff is not aware of any local vendors capable of providing these services. The bid results are shown below in Table I.

Table I: Bid Summary

Bidder Name	Office Location	Amount
VCI	Rancho Cucamonga, CA	\$500,000
Metro Builders & Engineers Group, Ltd.	Newport Beach, CA	\$530,652

It is recommended that VCI be awarded the contract for this project as the lowest responsive bidder that met all the requirements of the Specifications. The proposed contract in the amount of \$550,000 includes the bid amount of \$500,000 plus a \$50,000 contingency for any necessary change orders and fully complies with the Competitive Bidding and Purchasing Ordinance, PMC Chapter 4.08 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

The City of Pasadena has awarded VCI three contracts/purchase orders since 2015 for a total not to exceed amount of approximately \$2,642,469.

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 project is categorically exempt under the CEQA Guidelines in Section 15301 Existing Facilities (Class 1), of the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations Title 14, Chapter 3). Class 1 consists of 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 use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. Section 15301 Part (b) specifically applies this categorical exemption to existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities. The project is an alteration of an existing facility involving no expansion of the existing use.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The maximum cost of this action will be \$550,000. Funding for this action will be addressed by the utilization of existing appropriations in the Power Capital Fund 411, Capital Improvement Project number 3128. Table II below shows a summary of costs for this contract.

Table II: Contract Summary

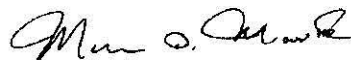
Base Contract Amount	\$500,000
Contingency Amount (10%)	\$50,000
Total Contract Not to Exceed Amount	\$550,000

Respectfully submitted,



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