

# Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL September 16, 2002

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Contract Award to Vart Construction for Construction of Wheelchair Ramps - 2002 for an Amount Not to Exceed \$ 87,000.00

## RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Accept the bid dated August 28, 2002, submitted by Vart Construction in response to the Specifications for Construction of Wheelchair Ramps - 2002, reject all other bids received and authorize the City Manager to enter into such contract as required.
2. Acknowledge the project to be categorically exempt under Section 21084 of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1984 in accordance with Article 19, Section 15301 (Class 1), subsection (c) of the Resources Agency of California Guidelines (maintenance of existing public streets) pursuant to the findings of the Secretary of the Resources Agency and authorize the City Manager to execute and the City Clerk to file a Notice of Exemption for the project with the Los Angeles County Clerk.

## BACKGROUND:

The project is included in the approved Capital Improvement Program. In accordance with Pasadena Municipal Code 4.08.070, the Department of Public Works prepared the plans and specifications and bids have been requested and received.

The wheelchair ramp locations were selected from a priority list submitted by the Accessibility and Disability Commission and is included as Attachment A.

The project consists of wheelchair ramp construction throughout the City. The majority of ramps will be constructed in accordance with the City of Pasadena's standard drawings. In a few locations, it was not possible to use the City's standard wheelchair ramp design due to space constraints, grade considerations, and/or interfering obstructions. In these cases special designs were prepared.

A finding of compliance with the General Plan was previously made and is shown on page 2.3 of the FY 2003-2008 Capital Improvement Program.

Under the State Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this project is categorically exempt since the work consists of the maintenance to existing public streets. Therefore, it is recommended that a Notice of Exemption be filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk.

The project was advertised in the Pasadena Journal on August 8, 2002. In addition, the Notice Inviting Bids was published in four trade publications.

Bids were received on August 28, 2002, and are as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Vart Construction, Glendale	\$67,150.00
2. Ranco Corporation, Brea	\$77,100.00
3. CJ Construction, Inc., Whittier	\$78,700.00
4. Damon Construction Co., Carson	\$92,000.00
5. Gentry Brothers, Inc., Irwindale	\$93,900.00
6. Torres Construction, Los Angeles	\$95,100.00
7. Kalban, Inc., Sun Valley	\$108,765.00
8. P K Construction, Pasadena	\$115,510.00
Engineer's Estimate	\$92,000.00

Vart Construction is the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Therefore, it is recommended that they be awarded the contract.

The proposed contract with Vart Construction fully complies with the Competitive Bidding and Purchasing Ordinance. According to the contractor this contract will result in no new hires for the firm.

The contract for this project will be set up as follows:

Base Bid	\$ 67,150.00
Contingency Allowance	<u>19,850.00</u>
Contract "Not to Exceed" Amount	\$ 87,000.00

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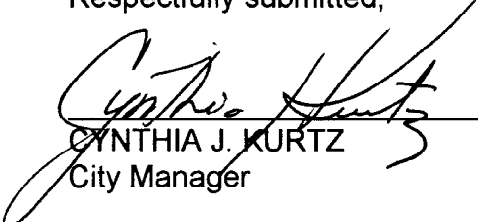
The contingency allowance normally does not exceed 10% of the base bid, but due to the low bid from Vart Construction, it would be advantageous for the City to include twelve (12) additional high priority wheelchair ramp locations. In light of this, the contingency allowance is being increased to 30% from 10%.

Construction will begin in October 2002 and be completed in November 2002.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds for this project are available in Budget Account No. 73736 (Wheelchair Ramps) for majority of the work and Budget Account No. 76358 (Misc. Concrete) for the remaining work.

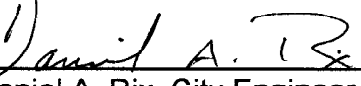
Respectfully submitted,

  
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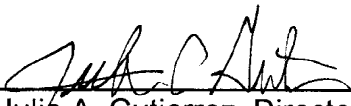
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Attachment