

Agenda Report

To:

City Council

Date: September 8, 2003

From:

City Manager

Subject:

Authorization to enter into a contract with Perry C. Thomas Construction, Inc. for the construction of underground electrical

conduit systems, vaults, and other miscellaneous work for the

Water and Power Department – Specifications LD-03-3

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council: (i) accept the bid dated August 26, 2003 submitted by Perry C. Thomas Construction, Inc., in response to Specifications LD-03-3; (ii) reject all other bids; and (iii) authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract for a period of one year or an amount not to exceed \$950,000, whichever occurs first.

BACKGROUND

In accordance with the Pasadena Municipal Code and the City's Electric Service Regulations as adopted by Council, the Department must install underground facilities to connect customers in existing underground areas. The contract will be used to do the required work, and to extend existing underground systems where the extension of overhead facilities is not feasible.

The contract issued under Specifications LD-03-3 will enable the Water and Power Department to further this undergrounding program by providing underground customer service installations, pull boxes, vaults, and other work as the need arises throughout the year. This work is in addition to the major undergrounding projects that are covered by separate, competitively bid contracts.

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Department staff distributed the specification to a total of eight companies. Six Bidder's Proposals were received with prices as follows:

<u>Bidders</u>	Total Bid Price
Perry C. Thomas Construction, Inc.	\$12,833,340.00
Pete & Sons Construction	\$13,235,500.00
Henkels and McCoy, Inc.	\$13,424,032.90
Irish Construction	\$14,936,790.00
Par Electrical Contractors	\$15,016,832.50
Herman Weissker, Inc.	\$28,065,864.15

The prices shown above are the total bid prices, which are for bid comparison only and will be used to determine the lowest and best bidder submitted by the bidders as outlined in the Specifications. The engineer's estimate for miscellaneous underground work to be performed in the coming year is \$950,000.

Perry C. Thomas Construction, Inc. is the lowest bidder. The bid prices are reasonable and competitive; and therefore, it is recommended that the City Council award a contract on this basis. The recommended contract is for \$950,000 or one year, whichever occurs first. As provided for in the Specifications, the City Manager will have the option to extend the contract for three additional one-year-periods at \$950,000 per period.

Perry C. Thomas Construction, Inc., which is located in Monrovia, has indicated that it will be using approximately three people in the performance of the proposed contract and will not be hiring additional labor. The proposed contract is in compliance with the Competitive Bidding and Purchasing Ordinance P.M.C.4.08.

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FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this project have been included in Fiscal Year 2002-2003 Capital Improvement Budget, Account Number 3001, "Services from Utility Underground System Private Property Vaults." Account Number 3002, "Distribution System Expansion," and Account Number 3023, "Services from Public Right-of-Way." Customer generated expenses are reimbursable to Account Number 7029, "Other Contributions-Private."

Respectfully submitted

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