

Agenda Report

TO: City Council July 26, 2004
FROM: City Manager
SUBJECT: Contract Award to HDR Engineering for the Preliminary Design of the La Loma Road Bridge Project over the Arroyo Seco

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with HDR Engineering for the Preliminary Design of the La Loma Road Bridge Project over the Arroyo Seco, in an amount not to exceed \$314,000; which includes \$285,244 for the base scope of services and \$28,756 for any additional services the City may request. Competitive bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002 (F) professional or unique services.

BACKGROUND:

The La Loma Road Bridge over the Arroyo Seco project, consisting of the seismic retrofit and rehabilitation or the replacement of the existing bridge, is included in the approved Capital Improvement Program.

On May 19, 2003, a contract was awarded to Myra L. Frank & Associates, Inc., for the Preparation of Environmental Documents and Regulatory Permit Support Services for the subject project. In order to complete the environmental process, it is necessary to conduct preliminary design of the project alternatives.

The design element of this project consists of two phases. Phase I is preliminary design, and Phase II is preparation of the detailed plans, specifications and estimate (PS&E) for the preferred alternative. Although consultant selection was based on qualifications for completing all tasks described in the Request for Proposals (RFP), this contract will initially be executed to cover Phase I only. Phase I includes engineering design support for the environmental process. The Phase I contract will provide the 30 percent engineering design of the various alternatives, which is necessary to identify and analyze potential impacts. The City has the option of entering into a supplemental agreement with the selected consultant for Phase II of the project.

In August 2003, the Department of Public Works issued a RFP for Preliminary Design and preparation of PS&E for the subject project. A pre-proposal meeting was held on September 3, 2003 to answer questions regarding the RFP. On September 18, 2003, proposals were received from three firms; Dokken Engineering, HDR Engineering, and Tetra Tech, Inc. A five-member consultant selection committee composed of a community representative from Pasadena Heritage and staff from the Departments of Public Works, Transportation, and Planning and Development reviewed the proposals in accordance with the evaluation criteria set forth in the RFP. As a result of this process, all three firms were invited for interviews.

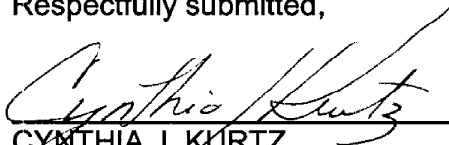
The consultants were interviewed on January 28, 2004, and ranked by the consultant selection committee as shown in Attachment "A". Based on their qualifications and successful interview, HDR Engineering was ranked number one and selected for the subject project. The total compensation to HDR Engineering under this contract will include compensation in an amount not to exceed \$314,000. This includes a base contract amount of \$285,244, and approximately 10 percent allocated for contingencies.

We are currently moving forward with development of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for this project based on community input received from the scoping meeting that was held in November of 2003. Approval of this preliminary design contract will allow for circulation of the DEIR late this year with a follow-up community meeting in early 2005.

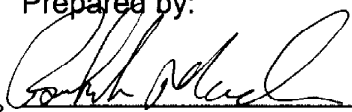
FISCAL IMPACT:

The La Loma Bridge – Rehabilitation or Replacement project is included in the current Capital Improvement Program (Budget Account 73124), and sufficient funds are available for this contract.

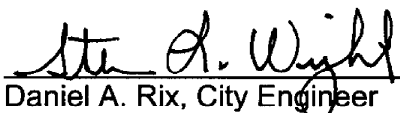
Respectfully submitted,


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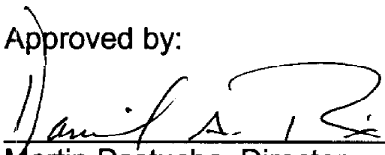
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