

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: June 28, 2004

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Contract Awards to Steiny and Company, Inc. and Niland Company for the Street Lighting Improvements on Lake Avenue from Maple Street to Elizabeth Street and Other Locations, for Amounts Not to Exceed \$328,600.00 and \$346,500.00, respectively.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Accept the bid dated June 2, 2004, submitted by Steiny and Company, Inc. in response to the Specifications for Street Lighting Improvements on Lake Avenue from Maple Street to Elizabeth Street and Other Locations, reject all other bids received, and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract not to exceed \$328,600.00 which includes the base bid of \$298,731.00, and \$29,869.00 for any additional work the City may order pursuant to the project specifications.
2. Accept the bid dated June 2, 2004, submitted by Niland Company in response to the Specifications for Furnishing and Delivering Street Light Standards for the North Lake Specific Plan Area, reject all other bids received, and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract not to exceed \$346,500.00 which includes the base bid of \$329,998.90, and \$16,501.10 for any additional work the City may order pursuant to the project specifications.
3. 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 (minor alterations involving negligible expansion of use beyond that previously existing) 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:

On March 31, 2004, bids were opened for the subject project. The low bid exceeded the Engineer's Estimate by 21.84% and exceeded the available funding. As a result, staff recommended that all bids be rejected and the project be re-advertised. In order to reduce the cost, the staff also recommended that the project be divided into two projects, one for the purchase of poles needed for this project and another for their installation. On April 26, 2004, the City Council approved these recommendations.

This project calls for the installation of new historic type post-top metal standards on Lake Avenue from Elizabeth Street to Maple Street, Washington Boulevard from El Molino Avenue to Catalina Avenue, and Orange Grove Boulevard from El Mira Street to Mentor Avenue. The adopted North Lake Avenue Specific Plan specifies the historic lighting fixtures only on Lake Avenue. Staff worked with the North Lake Avenue Working Group in the selection of the light type and limits of the project. The Group requested that the limits be expanded to include those portions of Washington Boulevard and Orange Grove Boulevard within the limits of the specific plan area. The work includes installation of street light standards, conduit, foundations, conductors, pull boxes, and miscellaneous appurtenant work. Existing painted metal poles will be repainted as required.

A finding of compliance with the General Plan was previously made and is shown on page 2.13 of the FY 2004-2008 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 minor alterations involving negligible expansion of use beyond that previously existing. Therefore, it is recommended that a Notice of Exemption be filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk.

The Public Works Department revised the plans and specifications for the construction project and new bids have been received.

The construction project was re-advertised in the Pasadena Journal on May 13, 2004. In addition, the Notice Inviting Bids was published in five trade publications. Bid packets were obtained by 9 contractors, 5 of whom submitted bids for the project.

Following re-advertising, bids were received on June 2, 2004, and are as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Steiny and Company, Inc., Baldwin Park	\$298,731.00
2. Macadee Electrical Construction, Chino Hills	\$338,869.00
3. Cyrus Haroonian, dba National Electrical Contractors, Tarzana	\$437,200.00
4. C.T.&F., Inc., Bell Gardens	\$440,313.00
5. E. C. Construction, South El Monte	Non-responsive

The lowest bid received was 2.24% higher than the Engineer's Estimate of \$292,200.

The Purchasing Administration issued a request for bids for the street light standards which was advertised in the Pasadena Journal on May 13, 2004. In addition, specifications were sent to four pole manufacturers that either make the specified standard or have demonstrated the ability to replicate the existing standard. Four bids were received on June 2, 2004, as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Niland Company, El Paso, Texas	\$329,998.90
2. Union Metal Corporation, Canton, Ohio	\$385,000.00
3. Graybar Electric Company, City of Industry	\$477,730.00
4. Sequoia Lighting Corporation, La Habra	Non-responsive

The lowest bid received was less than 1% lower than the Engineer's Estimate of \$330,000.00.

By rejecting the previous bids and re-advertising this project as two separate contracts, a construction savings of \$122,069.10 has been achieved.

It is recommended that Steiny and Company, Inc. be awarded the construction contract and Niland Company be awarded the lighting standard contract for this project as they are the lowest responsive and responsible bidders and that the other bids be rejected. The proposed contracts with Steiny and Company, Inc. and Niland Company fully comply with the competitive bidding ordinance and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder as did the Contractor selection process. The Construction Contractor has indicated that the award of this contract will result in no new hires to his present workforce.

The construction contract with Steiny and Company, Inc. will be set up as follows:

Base Bid	\$298,731.00
Contingency Allowance	<u>\$ 29,869.00</u>
Contract "Not to Exceed" Amount	\$328,600.00

The lighting standard contract with Niland Company will be set up as follows:

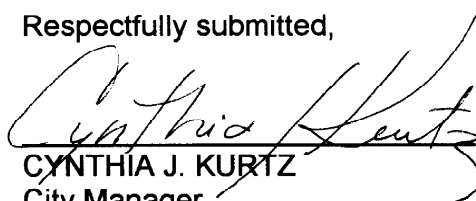
Base Bid	\$329,998.90
Contingency Allowance	<u>\$ 16,501.10</u>
Contract "Not to Exceed" Amount	\$346,500.00

Construction will begin in September 2004 and be completed in November 2004.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds for this project are available in Budget Account No. 75954, North Lake Specific Plan.

Respectfully submitted,



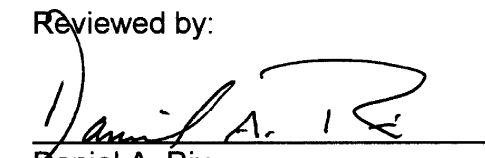
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