

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: December 18, 2006

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: CONTRACT AWARD TO OAK ENGINEERING, INC., FOR THE INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTING ON FAIR OAKS AVENUE AND ON PALISADE STREET FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$ 324,200

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Accept the bid dated November 20, 2006, submitted by Oak Engineering, Inc., in response to the Specifications for the Installation of Street Lighting on Fair Oaks Avenue and on Palisade Street; reject all other bids received; and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract for an amount not to exceed \$324,200.
2. Acknowledge the project to be categorically exempt under Section 21084 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) 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

This project proposes in-fill lighting to be installed on Fair Oaks Avenue from Orange Grove Boulevard to Hammond Street in conformance with the Fair Oaks/Orange Grove Specific Plan. Although the Specific Plan calls for in-fill lighting on Fair Oaks Avenue from Villa Street to Montana Street and on Orange Grove Boulevard from Lincoln Avenue to Los Robles Avenue, only the portion on Fair Oaks Avenue from Orange Grove Boulevard to Hammond Street was funded, with the remaining reaches to be designed and constructed as funds became available.

Also included in this project is the installation of a new ornamental lighting system on Palisade Street from Arroyo Boulevard to Forest Avenue and the removal of the existing luminaires on wood utility poles. This work is the last of several Rose Bowl mitigation projects.

These two projects were combined into a single project to maximize contract administration and construction inspection efficiency. The work consists of the installation of street light standards, foundations, conduit, conductors, pull boxes and miscellaneous appurtenant work.

Findings of compliance with the General Plan were previously made and are shown on pages 2.21 and 3.4 of the FY 2007-2012 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 prepared plans and specifications for this project and bids have been received.

This project was advertised in the Pasadena Journal on October 26, 2006. In addition, the Notice Inviting Bids was published in three trade publications and two websites. Bid packets were obtained by ten contractors, six of whom submitted bids for the project.

Following advertising, bids were received on November 22, 2006, and are as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Oak Engineering, Inc., Pomona	\$ 189,065.00
2. Christopher R. Morales, Inc., City of Industry	\$ 196,958.00
3. California Professional Engineering, South El Monte	\$ 221,676.51
4. K D C Inc., dba Dynalectric, Los Alamitos	\$ 229,900.00
5. Terno, Inc., La Mirada	\$ 302,447.00
6. Freeway Electric, Riverside	\$ 436,510.00
Engineer's Estimate	\$ 242,880.00

The lowest bid received was 22 % lower than the Engineer's Estimate which was calculated at the time plans were prepared. Since that time, staff became aware of the recent trend of lower bids for lighting projects due to a temporary reduction in lighting project construction. This condition is anticipated to change with the recent passage of State Transportation Bonds and the increase in funding for traffic signal projects.

It is recommended that Oak Engineering, Inc. be awarded a contract for this project as they are the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and that the other bids be rejected. The proposed contract with Oak Engineering, Inc. fully complies with the Competitive Bidding and Living Wage Ordinances. The Contractor has indicated that the award of this contract will result in no new hires to his present workforce.

Staff proposes to use the savings resulting from this low bid and from the City's direct purchase of the lighting poles to extend the lighting north to Cedar Street, north of La Pintaresca Park. Although this additional lighting will not complete the lighting as identified in the Specific Plan, it will increase the number of lights from 30 to 54, increasing the number of lights that can be installed at this time by 80 percent.

All work on this project was bid with unit prices. The Contractor has verbally agreed to do all the work to add 24 lights at the same unit prices. Therefore, the contingency allowance in the contract will be 71 percent of the base bid. This allowance will consist of all the additional work plus the normal ten percent of the combined original and additional work.

The contract will be set up as follows:

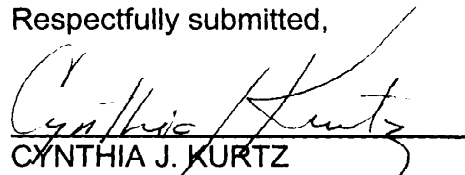
Base Bid	\$ 189,065
Contingency Allowance	\$ 135,135
Contract "Not to Exceed" Amount	\$ 324,200

It is anticipated that construction will begin in late February 2007 and be completed in early May 2007.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this project are available in Budget Account Nos. 73129, Fair Oaks/Orange Grove Specific Plan and 74102, Palisade Street from Arroyo Boulevard to Forest Avenue.

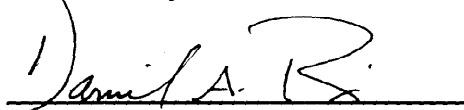
Respectfully submitted,


 CYNTHIA J. KURTZ
 City Manager

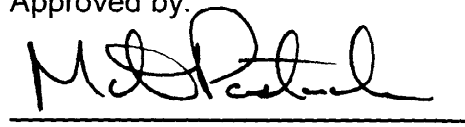
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Disclosure Pursuant to the

City of Pasadena Taxpayer Protection Amendment of 2000 Pasadena City Charter, Article XVII

Contractor/Organization hereby discloses its trustees, directors, partners, officers, and those with more than a 10% equity, participation, or revenue interest in Contractor/Organization, as follows:

(If printing, please print legibly. Use additional sheets as necessary.)

1. Contractor/Organization Name:


OAK Engineering, Inc.

2. Name(s) of trustees, directors, partners, officers of Contractor/Organization:

Omar Abutaleb, President
A.M. Fahham, Vice President
Kamal Khalil, secretary

3. Names of those with more than a 10% equity, participation or revenue interest in Contractor/Organization:

Omar Abutaleb
A.M. Fahham
Kamal Khalil

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