

# Agenda Report

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL

**DATE:** November 13, 2006

**FROM:** CITY MANAGER

**SUBJECT:** CONTRACT AWARD TO CHRISTOPHER R. MORALES, INC. FOR THE INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTING ON AVENUE 64 FROM COLORADO BOULEVARD TO SOUTH CITY LIMIT AND ON LA LOMA ROAD FROM AVENUE 64 TO SAN RAFAEL AVENUE FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$451,000.00.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Accept the bid dated November 3, 2006, submitted by Christopher R. Morales, Inc. in response to the Specifications for the Installation of Street Lighting on Avenue 64 from Colorado Boulevard to South City Limit and on La Loma Road from Avenue 64 to San Rafael Avenue; reject all other bids received; and authorize the City Manager to enter into such contract as is required.
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**

The street light work on Avenue 64 from Colorado Boulevard to the South City Limit and on La Loma Road from Avenue 64 to San Rafael Avenue is part of a utility undergrounding district and will replace the existing lighting that is attached to wooden utility poles scheduled for removal.

The work consists of the installation of street light standards, foundations, conduit, conductors, pull boxes and miscellaneous appurtenant work.

A finding of compliance with the General Plan was previously made and the project is shown on page 4.2 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 no 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 subject project and bids have been received.

This project was advertised in the Pasadena Journal on October 12, 2006. In addition, the Notice Inviting Bids was published in three trade publications and two websites. Bid packets were obtained by twelve contractors, six of whom submitted bids for the project.

Following advertising, bids were received on November 3, 2006, and are as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Christopher R. Morales, Inc., City of Industry	\$409,887.00
2. Oak Engineering, Inc., Pomona	\$476,015.00
3. KDC Inc., dba Dynalectric, Los Alamitos	\$549,900.00
4. Comet Electric, Inc., Canoga Park	\$731,246.40
5. Freeway Electric, Riverside	\$797,400.00
6. JFL Electric, Inc., Los Angeles	\$865,000.00
Engineer's Estimate	\$757,000.00

The lowest bid received was 46% lower than the Engineer's Estimate which was somewhat conservative due to rising prices from previous projects. Immediately prior to the bid opening, one of the bidders mentioned that there is not much available work at this time and that the City can expect bids that are lower than those received earlier in the year.

It is recommended that Christopher R. Morales, 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 Christopher R. Morales, 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.

The contract will be set up as follows:

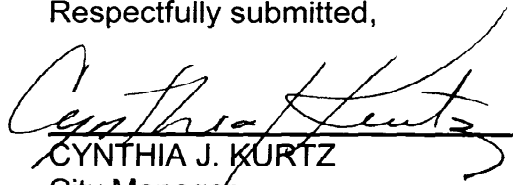
Base Bid	\$ 409,887.00
Contingency Allowance	<u>\$ 41,113.00</u>
Contract "Not to Exceed" Amount	\$ 451,000.00

It is anticipated that construction will begin in early January 2007 and be completed in early March 2007.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this project will be available in Budget Account No. 74999, Ave. 64 – La Loma Road Street Lighting and Electrical System Undergrounding.

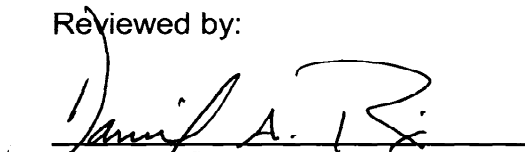
Respectfully submitted,

  
CYNTHIA J. KURTZ  
City Manager

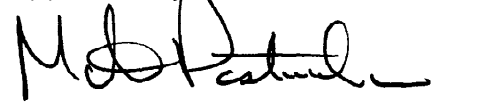
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City Engineer

Approved by:

  
Martin Pastucha, Director  
Department of Public Works

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:**

Christopher R. Morales, Inc

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

<u>Christopher Morales, President, Vice President, Treasurer</u>
<u>Raymond Morales, Jr., Secretary</u>

**3. Names of those with more than a 10% equity, participation or revenue interest in**

**Contractor/Organization:** Christopher R. Morales, Inc

<u>Christopher Morales</u>

Prepared by: Christopher Morales

Title: President

Date: 11-3-06

For office use only:

Contract/Transaction No. \_\_\_\_\_

If not a contract, type of transaction: \_\_\_\_\_