

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: March 12, 2007

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: CONTRACT AWARD TO CHRISTOPHER R. MORALES, INC., FOR THE INSTALLATION OF IN-FILL LIGHTING ON COLORADO BOULEVARD FROM NORTHUP AVENUE TO SYCAMORE AVENUE FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$ 351,000

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Accept the bid dated February 23, 2007 submitted by Christopher R. Morales, Inc., in response to the Specifications for the Installation of In-Fill Lighting on Colorado Boulevard from Northup Avenue to Sycamore Avenue; reject all other bids received; and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract for an amount not to exceed \$ 351,000; and
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 consists of the installation of City historic-type, post-top metal standards as in-fill lighting, trash receptacles, and benches on Colorado Boulevard from Northup Avenue to Sycamore Avenue. Bids were previously requested for this work and for similar work on Halstead Street from Rosemead Boulevard to the cul-de-sac south of Foothill Boulevard. Two bids were received and rejected as the low bid exceeded the engineer's estimate by 30 percent. Analysis of the bids revealed that both pole types were available from sole sources and resulted in premium bids, so it is more economical to re-bid them separately.

The work includes installation of street light poles and fixtures, conduit, foundations, conductors, pull boxes, trash receptacles, benches, and miscellaneous appurtenant work. These improvements are in accordance with the East Colorado Boulevard Specific Plan adopted by the City Council.

Findings of compliance with the General Plan were previously made and are shown on page 5.6 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 Department of Public Works prepared plans and specifications for this project and bids have been received.

This project was advertised in the Pasadena Star-News on February 1, 2007. In addition, the Notice Inviting Bids was published in two trade publications and two websites. Bid packets were obtained by thirteen contractors, seven of whom submitted bids for the project.

Following advertising, bids were received on February 23, 2007, and are as follows:

	<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1.	Christopher R. Morales, Inc., City of Industry	\$ 318,848.00
2.	California Professional Engineering, Inc., South El Monte	\$ 350,970.24
3.	C. T. & F., Inc., Bell Gardens	\$ 353,260.00
4.	Terno, Inc., La Mirada	\$ 370,605.00
5.	M S Navarro Engineering, Northridge	\$ 393,512.57
6.	Oak Engineering, Inc., Pomona	\$ 394,081.00
7.	KDC, Inc., dba Dynalectric, Los Alamitos	Non-Responsive
	Engineer's Estimate	\$ 297,900.00

The lowest bid received was seven percent higher than the Engineer's Estimate. Given the high interest in this project and the number of responsive bids, there is no reason to believe that readvertising this project would result in lower bids. Therefore, 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:

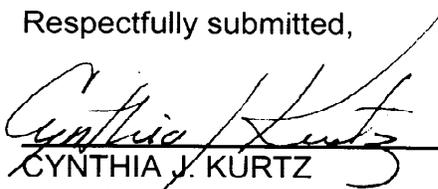
Base Bid	\$ 318,848
Contingency Allowance	\$ <u>32,152</u>
Contract "Not to Exceed" Amount	\$ 351,000

It is anticipated that construction will begin in mid-April 2007 and be completed in July 2007.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this project are available in the Capital Improvement Program, Budget Account No. 75059, Gold Line Pedestrian Enhancements.

Respectfully submitted,



CYNTHIA J. KURTZ
City Manager

Prepared by:



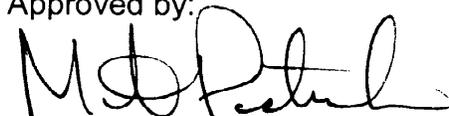
James E. Valentine
Principal Engineer

Reviewed by:



Daniel A. Rix
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:

Christopher Morales
Ramiro Morales Jr.

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

Christopher Morales

Prepared by: LM
Title: President
Date: 1-23-07

For office use only:
Contract/Transaction No. _____
If not a contract, type of transaction: _____