

Agenda Report

June 15, 2009

TO: City Council

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Reject All Bids Related To Furnishing and Delivering Aggregate Base, Cement Slurry and Cold Mix for the Water and Power Department, Specification WD-09-02

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council reject all bids received in response to furnishing and delivering aggregate base, cement slurry and asphalt cold mix as described in Specification WD-09-02.

BACKGROUND:

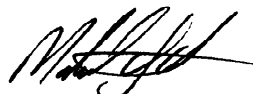
Specification WD-09-02 provides for a contract to furnish and deliver aggregate base, cement slurry and asphalt cold mix for the City's Water Division construction crews to backfill excavations in the street when installing pipes. The main replacement program is part of the 2002 Water System Master Plan.

The Notice Inviting Bids for Specification WD-09-02 was published on April 16, 2009 in *The Pasadena Journal* and "Bids on Line." An addendum was published on April 24, 2009. The specification was divided into three sections: (1) aggregate base, (2) cement slurry, and (3) asphalt cold mix. Bidders had the option to bid on any or all three of the sections. In response to the Notice Inviting Bids, sixteen contractors received the Specification; only two bids were received and two other bids were deemed non-responsive for failing to acknowledge the Specification addendum (a standard City practice). However, neither the Specification nor the addendum specifically stated that bids failing to acknowledge the addendum would be deemed non-responsive. Because the two bids deemed non-responsive were not evaluated beyond their failure to acknowledge the addendum, it is not known whether they were the lowest bids or not. In order to ensure fairness to all bidders and to secure the best possible prices for the City, it is recommended that all bids submitted related to Specification WD-09-02 be rejected so a new specification can be posted. The new specification will explicitly state that any addendum must be acknowledged when submitting a bid.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This recommendation has no fiscal impact.

Respectfully submitted,



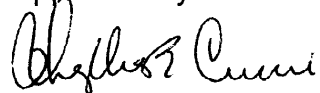
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