

Agenda Report

September 14, 2009

TO: City Council

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PERRY C. THOMAS CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$315,000 TO PROVIDE LABOR AND MATERIALS FOR CIVIL CONSTRUCTION AT CHESTER SUBSTATION FOR THE WATER AND POWER DEPARTMENT

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the project is exempt from CEQA review pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15302(c), Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity;
2. Accept the bid dated August 11, 2009, from Perry C. Thomas Construction, Inc. in response to Specifications LD-09-15 for civil construction at Chester Substation; reject all other bids; and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Perry C. Thomas for an amount not to exceed \$315,000.

BACKGROUND:

Pasadena Water and Power Department has begun a capital improvement project to relieve overloading at substations by replacing 34.5/4kV banks with 34.5/17kV banks to improve electrical system reliability. As part of this project, two new banks and new switchgear are being installed at Chester Substation this fiscal year. The old banks and switchgear were removed in fiscal year 2009.

On July 22, 2009, a Notice Inviting Bids to Provide Labor and Materials for Civil Construction at Chester Substation in accordance with Specifications LD-09-15 was published in the Pasadena Journal and posted on the City's web page. Six vendors attended a mandatory pre-bid meeting and job walk on July 30, 2009. Two responsive bids were opened on August 21, 2009.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Perry C. Thomas, Monrovia, California	\$285,323
W. A. Rasic, Bell Gardens, California	\$387,724
Engineer's Estimate	\$300,000

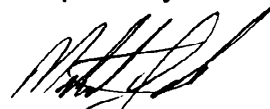
Perry C. Thomas was the lowest responsive bidder that met all the requirements of the specifications, and was within the engineering estimate of \$300,000. Staff recommends award of a contract to Perry C. Thomas for an amount not to exceed \$315,000, which includes the base bid and a 10% contingency for any necessary change orders. Although substantial effort has been made to verify site conditions, the underground conditions at Chester Substation cannot be fully known until excavation begins, so a contingency is recommended. This project will be completed within twelve weeks after a Notice to Proceed is issued. Completion expected by December 20, 2009.

The proposed contract complies with Competitive Bidding and Purchasing Ordinance P.M.C. 4.08 and the rules and regulations promulgated there under.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Sufficient funds are available in Power Capital Fund 411, Capital Improvement Project No. 3090, Switchgear Upgrades for Power System Facilities.

Respectfully submitted,



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