

Agenda Report

March 8, 2010

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Water and Power Department

SUBJECT: CONTRACTS WITH PERRY C. THOMAS CONSTRUCTION INC. AND HERMAN WEISSKER, INC. FOR THE REPAIR AND RESTORATION OF ELECTRICAL VAULTS FOR THE WATER AND POWER DEPARTMENT

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction);
2. Accept the bid dated February 2, 2010 submitted by Perry C. Thomas Construction, Inc., in response to Specifications LD-09-20, Items I and IV, to provide labor and materials to repair and restore reinforced concrete electrical vaults for the Water and Power Department; and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Perry C. Thomas for an amount not to exceed \$319,385, which includes the base amount of \$290,350 and a contingency of \$29,035 for any necessary change orders; and
3. Accept the bid dated February 2, 2010 submitted by Herman Weissker, Inc. in response to Specifications LD-09-20, Items II and III, to provide labor and materials to repair and restore reinforced concrete electrical vaults for the Water and Power Department; reject all other bids; and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Herman Weissker, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$543,607, which includes the base amount of \$494,189 and a contingency of \$49,418 for any necessary change orders.

BACKGROUND:

An assessment of the underground infrastructure, performed as part of the Electrical Distribution System Master Plan, identified many underground vaults and boxes that require either repair or replacement. Such replacement and repair of existing aging and deteriorating underground electrical vaults will increase safety for City crews and the community, and improve electrical system reliability.

On December 10, 2009, a Notice Inviting Bids for the replacement and repair of electrical vaults in accordance with Specifications LD-09-20 was published in *The Pasadena Business Journal* and posted on the City's web page. In addition, specifications were mailed to nine businesses on the Purchasing Division's vendor list. Three bids were opened on February 2, 2010. Perry C. Thomas Construction, Inc. was the lowest responsive bidder that met all of the requirements of the specifications for Items I and IV. Herman Weissker, Inc. was the lowest responsive bidder that met all of the requirements of the specifications for Items II and III.

| Contractor/Location | Item I | Item II | Item III | Item IV |
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| Perry C. Thomas/ Monrovia, CA | \$164,039 | No Bid | No Bid | \$126,311 |
| Herman Weissker, Inc/ Riverside, CA | \$197,207 | \$264,152 | \$230,037 | \$151,618 |
| PAR Electrical/ Fontana, CA | No Bid | \$509,500 | No Bid | No Bid |

Staff recommends award of a contract to Perry C. Thomas Construction Inc. for Items I and IV for an amount not to exceed \$319,385, which includes the base amount of \$290,350 and a contingency of \$29,035 for any necessary change orders. Staff also recommends award of a contract to Herman Weissker, Inc for Items II and III for an amount not to exceed \$543,607, which includes the base amount of \$494,189 and a contingency of \$49,418 for any necessary change orders.

A total of twenty vaults will be repaired; each bid item represents five vaults in different parts of the City.

The project is consistent with the public facilities element of the General Plan for the City of Pasadena. All work for each vault shall be completed as specified in the specifications. The proposed contracts are in compliance with Competitive Bidding and Purchasing Ordinance P.M.C. 4.08 and the rules and regulations promulgated there under.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The proposed contracts support the Council's goal to improve, maintain and enhance public facilities infrastructure.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

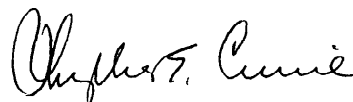
The proposed contracts are exempt from CEQA pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), which exempts the replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities (including utility systems and facilities) involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

The proposed work will allow for the replacement of aged utility vaults and boxes to improve reliability and safety of the existing system.

FISCAL IMPACT:

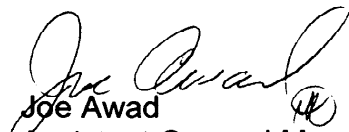
Sufficient funds in the amount of \$862,992 are available in Power Capital Fund 411, Capital Improvement Project (CIP) No. 3185, Replacement and Upgrade of Electric Equipment and Facilities. In 2005 Council adopted the Department's Power Distribution System Master Plan that included replacement and repair of aging infrastructure to ensure reliable capacity. The proposed contracts are consistent with the Master Plan and support the Council's goal to improve, maintain and enhance public facilities infrastructure.

Respectfully submitted,



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