

Agenda Report

November 3, 2014

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Water and Power Department

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH VCI CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$573,731 TO PROVIDE LABOR AND MATERIALS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL CONDUIT SYSTEM IN ALEGRIA STREET FOR THE WATER AND POWER DEPARTMENT

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the project is exempt from environmental review pursuant to the guidelines of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Public Resources Code §21080(b)(9); Administrative Code, Title 14, Chapter 3, Class 2 §15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction);
2. Accept the bid dated August 29, 2014, from VCI Construction, Inc. in response to Specifications LD-14-6 for construction of an underground conduit system in Alegria Street; and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with VCI Construction, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$573,731.

BACKGROUND:

Pasadena Water and Power Department ("PWP") is replacing the 4kV distribution system with an underground 17kV system to provide adequate system capacity to meet service demand and maintain service reliability. To facilitate the electrical upgrade in the Hastings Ranch area, PWP must extend the existing 17kV underground infrastructure in Alegria Street.

On August 7, 2014, a Notice Inviting Bids to Provide Labor and Materials for Construction of Underground Electrical Conduit System in Alegria Street in accordance with Specifications LD-14-6 was published in the Pasadena Journal and posted on the City's web page. Eight vendors attended a mandatory pre-bid meeting on August 19, 2014. Four responsive bids were opened on August 29, 2014.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
VCI Construction, Inc., Upland, CA	\$521,574
Vantage Utility Service, Upland, CA	\$550,705
Perry C. Thomas Construction, Inc., Monrovia, CA	\$559,440
JM Communications, Van Nuys, CA	\$1,367,725

VCI Construction, Inc. was the lowest responsive bidder that met all the requirements of the specifications. Staff recommends award of a contract to VCI Construction, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$573,731, which includes the base bid and a 10% contingency for any necessary change orders.

The proposed contract will allow the Department to construct the underground substructure necessary to connect the existing underground electrical system to the existing overhead electrical system in specified locations within 40 days after a Notice to Proceed is issued.

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

VCI Construction, Inc. regularly bids on civil construction projects and has been awarded contracts by the City Council for other PWP construction projects in the past. PWP also currently has contracts with Perry C. Thomas Construction and JM Communications for other civil construction contracts, and has previously used both contractors for earlier construction projects.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The proposed contract is consistent with the Public Facilities Element of the General Plan and supports the Council's goal to improve, maintain and enhance public facilities infrastructure; to provide a high level of public service which adds to the quality of life in the City and increase its attractiveness through more efficient management of resources.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The proposed contract is exempt from CEQA review pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines Section 15302(c) and (d) (Replacement or Reconstruction), which exempts the replacement and/or reconstruction of existing facilities or structures, including utility systems and/or facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of capacity. The proposed work will provide construction necessary to maintain existing electrical infrastructure and operational flexibility.

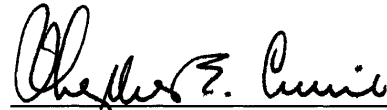
FISCAL IMPACT:

The maximum cost of this action is \$688,000, including contract administration and inspections. Funding for this action will be addressed by the utilization of existing budgeted appropriations in the Power Capital Fund 411, Budget No. 3002 - Distribution System Expansion. It is anticipated that all funds will be spent in the current fiscal year. This expenditure will have minimal impact on other operational or capital projects.

The following table summarizes the total fiscal impact.

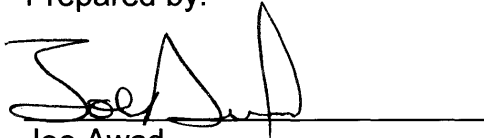
Total Expenditure in Fiscal Year 2015	
Base Contract Amount	\$521,574
Contingency	\$52,157
Not to Exceed Amount	\$573,731
Administration/Inspections	\$114,269
Total Fiscal Impact	\$688,000

Respectfully submitted,



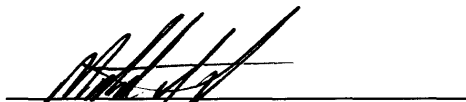
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