

Agenda Report

April 20, 2020

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Department of Public Works
SUBJECT: CONTRACT AWARD TO AXIOM GROUP FOR CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR ARTWORK FOUNDATIONS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$140,868

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find the project proposed herein to be categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines in accordance with Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, minor alterations of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing at the time of the lead agency's determination, and that there are no features that distinguish this project from others in the exempt class, and therefore, there are no unusual circumstances; and
2. i) Accept the bid dated April 1, 2020, submitted by Axiom Group in response to the Project Plans and Specifications for the Concrete Construction Services for Artwork Foundations Project, ii) reject all other bids received April 1, 2020, and iii) authorize the City Manager to enter into such contract for an amount not to exceed \$140,868, which includes the base contract amount of \$117,390 and a contingency of \$23,478 to provide for any necessary change orders.

BACKGROUND:

In 2011, the Department of Planning and Community Development, Cultural Affairs Division launched the Rotating Public Art Exhibition Program to enliven neighborhoods in each City Council District with artworks that are loaned or developed specifically for various sites. This contract is to provide the infrastructure for seven new sites, one within each Council District, to appropriately display future visual artwork to be procured by the Cultural Affairs Division. The scope of work includes, but is not limited to, installation of reinforced concrete footings of various sizes, installation of electrical components, installation of irrigation, minor excavation and trenching, and traffic control.

The Department of Public Works prepared plans and specifications in coordination with staff from the Department of Planning and Community Development, Cultural Affairs Division for the subject project. In accordance with Section 4.08.070 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, bids were requested and received.

This project was advertised in the *Pasadena Journal* and *Pasadena Weekly* on March 12, 2020 and again on March 19, 2020. In addition, the Notice Inviting Bids was published in seven trade publications/websites and listed on the City website, which generated notification to 3617 vendors (176 local) and 49 prospective bidders (2 local) consisting of general contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers. Additional notifications were sent out to 73 local vendors based on the list provided by the Department of Finance. 44 contractors obtained bid packets, four of whom submitted bid proposals for the project. One bid was found non-responsive.

Following advertising, bids were opened on April 1, 2020 and are as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount (\$)</u>
1. Axiom Group, Los Angeles, CA	\$117,390.00
2. Aramexx Group Inc., Riverside, CA	\$138,400.00
3. Arc Construction Inc., La Crescenta, CA	\$160,409.00
4. Access Pacific Inc., Pasadena, CA	Non-Responsive
Engineer's Estimate	\$62,500.00

The lowest bid received was 87 percent higher than the Engineer's Estimate of \$62,500.

It is recommended that the City enter into a contract with Axiom Group for an amount not to exceed \$140,868 for a period of 30 working days. The proposed contract with Axiom Group fully complies with the Competitive Bidding and Living Wage Ordinances. In addition, the proposed contract fully complies with the Prevailing Wage Law (Senate Bill 7) per Resolution 9406 adopted by the City Council on December 14, 2014.

The contractor has indicated that the award of this contract will result in no new hires to the present work force. A Local Hiring Provision to notify the labor unions of the goal to employ qualified Pasadena residents for 75 percent of the new labor work hours on the project was included in the project specifications. The contractor indicated in the proposal that approximately 30% of the contract work will be performed by a local vendor.

Axiom Group has not previously contracted with the City of Pasadena. Staff has confirmed that the contractor's license and Department of Industrial Relations status are in good standing, and they received favorable reference checks on comparable construction work from other agencies.

The contract for this project will be set as follows:

Base Bid	\$117,390
Contingency Allowance	\$ 23,478
Contract "Not to Exceed" Amount	\$140,868

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The project is consistent with the City Council's goal to improve, maintain and enhance public facilities and infrastructure.

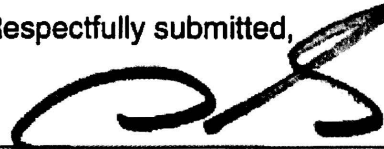
ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

This project has been determined to be categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to the guidelines of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(9); Administrative Code, Title 14, Chapter 1, §15301, Class 1, Existing Facilities). Class 1 exempts from environmental review small additions, expansions or alterations to existing structures where there is negligible or no expansion of the use. There are no features that distinguish this project from others in the exempt class and, therefore, there are no unusual circumstances.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The maximum cost of this contract is \$140,868. Funding for this action will be addressed by the utilization of existing budgeted appropriations in the *Rotating Artwork Program* (budget account 98234).

Respectfully submitted,



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