



Agenda Report

May 24, 2021

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Water and Power Department

SUBJECT: REJECT ALL BIDS FOR TOILET SENSOR PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the proposed action is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(5) (projects which a public agency rejects or disapproves) and Section 15270 of the State CEQA Guidelines; and
2. Reject all bids received on March 16, 2021 in response to the Notice Inviting Bids for Labor and Materials of a company that provides leak detection technology and reporting for toilets in multi-family residential units.

BACKGROUND:

The Water and Power Department ("PWP") developed bid Specifications for labor, materials, and services for the Toilet Sensor Project ("Project"). The bid specification invited responses to award a contract to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder to provide labor, materials and services for technology, data and analytics reporting of leak detection for toilets installed in multi-family residential units. The specified services included the installation of "smart" devices, leak detection reporting via dashboards to PWP and property managers engaged in the project and continued monitoring for a minimum of two years. The Project involved the purchase of 465 leak detection devices to be installed on toilets in a selected multi-family property. The devices and reporting would enable PWP and the multi-family residential property management/maintenance company to become aware of leaks/water usage "on demand" and make necessary repairs as needed.

A Notice Inviting Bids was advertised on Planet Bids on February 17th, 2021. The electronic posting generated 1,200 notices to prospective bidders. Two bids were received from Sensor Industries and Thomas Solar on March 16, 2021. Neither of the bids received were from local Pasadena companies.

Staff recommends rejecting the bids received since this project was incorrectly advertised as not a Public Works project. The specification will be amended as directed by the California Department of Industrial Relations, which requires this job to be specified as a Public Works project. An updated Specification will be posted seeking competitive bids for the desired scope of services including the requirements of a Public Works project.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

Rejecting all bids supports the City Council's goals to maintain fiscal responsibility and stability.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(5) and Section 15270 of the State CEQA Guidelines statutorily exempt from CEQA "projects which a public agency rejects or disapproves." The rejection of bids for labor and services for the toilet leak detection sensor project is statutorily exempt from CEQA per these Sections.

FISCAL IMPACT:

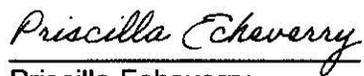
This action has no fiscal impact.

Respectfully submitted,



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