

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

May 17, 1999

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Contract Award – Installation of Street Lighting and Street Trees in Old Pasadena and the Pasadena Playhouse District for an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,322,000

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Accept the bid dated April 27, 1999 submitted by Pro Tech Engineering Corp. in response to the specifications for the Old Pasadena Streetscapes and Alley Walkways, Installation of Street Lighting and Street Trees, and Pasadena Playhouse District Streetscapes, Walkways and Alleys, Installation of Street Lighting, Phase 1, reject all other bids received, and authorize the City Manager to enter into such contract as is required.
2. Certify the project to be categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Article 19, Section 15301 (Class 1), subsection (c) of the Resources Agency of California Guidelines (minor alteration involving negligible, expansion of use beyond that previously existing) and authorize the City Manager to execute and the City Clerk to file a Notice of Exemption for the project with the Los Angeles County Clerk.

BACKGROUND:

The subject project is included in the approved Capital Improvement Program. The Department of Public Works and Transportation prepared the plans and specifications and bids have been requested and received.

This project will provide for the installation of street lighting and street trees in Old Pasadena and street lighting on Colorado Boulevard in the Pasadena Playhouse District. Tree removals in the Pasadena Playhouse District under this contract will be limited to only those removals necessary to accommodate the new lighting as presented to the City Council in a staff report on April 26, 1999.

The work consists of the installation of new street lighting conduit, pull boxes, foundations, lighting standards and luminaires; modification of existing street lighting systems, and other miscellaneous work; removal of existing trees; installation of standard and retrofit type treewell cover frames and cast iron treewell grates; furnishing and planting of trees; and any required appurtenant work necessary for the construction and installation of the proposed work.

All work is in accordance with the Old Pasadena Streetscapes and Alley Walkways Refined Concept Plan adopted by City Council on July 24, 1995, and the Pasadena Playhouse District Streetscapes, Walkways and Alley Plan approved by City Council on November 18, 1996. These projects will result in a more pleasant pedestrian environment and the reinforcement of the Old Pasadena and Playhouse District's image as unique retail, cultural, entertainment and historic areas.

To reduce costs and to avoid delays to the construction contract while final details for the special Old Pasadena lighting standards were being resolved, the City is purchasing the lighting standards and will supply them to the construction contractor. An Agenda Report to authorize the purchase of the lighting standards will be presented to the City Council for approval in June.

Findings of compliance with the General Plan were previously made and are shown on pages 4.09, 4.25 and 4.26 of the FY 1999-2004 Capital Improvement Program.

Under the State Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this project is categorically exempt since the work consists of minor alteration involving negligible expansion of use beyond that previously existing. Therefore, it is recommended that a Notice of Exemption be filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk.

The project was advertised in The Journal News on March 22, 1999. In addition, the Notice Inviting Bids was published in five trade publications and letters were sent to eighteen minority organizations informing them the project was advertised and requesting bids. A total of 32 bid packets were obtained by contractors. Four of the contractors were protected class owned firms, two of which submitted a bid for the project.

Following advertising, bids were received on April 27, 1999 and are as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Pro Tech Engineering Corp., Anaheim*	\$1,201,035.00
2. Andrzej Krol dba California Electrical Services, Glendale	1,223,330.00
3. L.A. Signal, Inc., City of Industry*	1,595,991.00
4. Mallcraft, Inc., Altadena	1,626,062.00
5. Pima Corp dba Advanced Construction, Santa Monica	1,678,604.00
6. Geoscene Landscape, La Habra Heights	1,700,160.00
7. Terra-Cal Construction, Inc., Baldwin Park	1,944,211.00

Engineer's Estimate	\$1,271,005.00
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*Protected Class Firm

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At the bid opening, Adnrzej Krol dba California Electrical Services was announced as being the low bidder. Upon examination of the bids received, City staff found mathematical errors in two bids submitted, one by Geoscene Landscape and the other bid by Pro Tech Engineering Corporation. After correcting the discrepancies of these two bids, as we are directed to do in the project specifications, Pro Tech Engineering became the low bidder.

Following the notification of the correction to Mr. Andrzej Krol, Mr. Eric Olson, Esq. of BAKER, OLSON, LECROY & DANIELIAN, on behalf of Mr. Krol, sent a facsimile letter protesting the award of contract. The City Attorney was informed of the protest and has sent a reply to Mr. Olson stating that the City is obligated to correct the bid discrepancy and, as a result, Mr. Krol is not the low bidder. Copies of the correspondence are attached to this report.

Since Pro Tech Engineering Corp. is the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, it is recommended that they be awarded the contract for this project. The proposed contract with Pro Tech Engineering Corp. fully complies with the Affirmative Action in Contracting Ordinance and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. The contractor selection process fully complied with this ordinance and its rules and regulations. The contractor has indicated that the award of this contract will result in 6 to 9 new hires for the firm. The contractor is non-union and therefore agrees to recruit Pasadena residents initially and to give them preferences, if all other factors are equal, for any new positions which result from the performance of this contract and which are performed in the City.

The contract for this project will be set up as follows:

Base Bid	\$1,201,035.00
Contingency Allowance	<u>120,965.00</u>
Contract "Not to Exceed" Amount	\$1,322,000.00

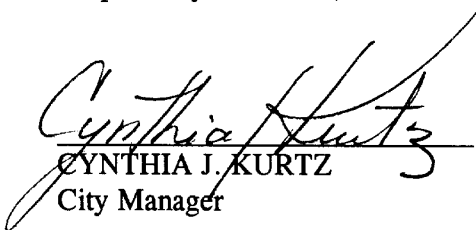
Construction on this project will begin in June, 1999 with completion in February, 2000.

FISCAL IMPACT:

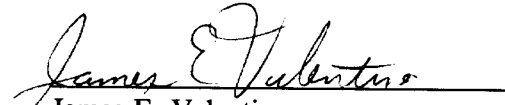
Funds for this project are available in Budget Account No. 73934, Old Pasadena Streetscapes and Alley Walkways, and Budget Account No. 73397, Playhouse District Streetscape.

The estimated annual energy cost increase resulting from this project is \$13,600.00. Funds for these energy costs will be included in the Fiscal Year 2000 Amended Operating Budget.

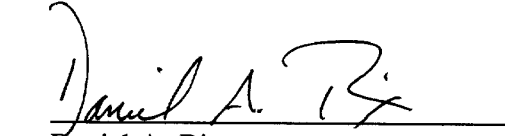
Respectfully submitted,


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 City Manager

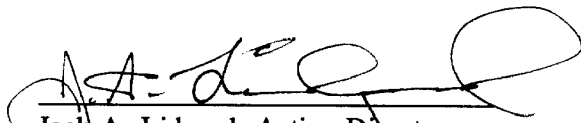
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