
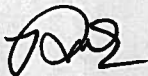


REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

DATE: JUNE 10, 2015
TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
FROM: GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER 
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SUBJECT: CONTRACT AWARD FOR THE MEDEA CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT; NIB 15-03

On May 28, 2015, the City received five (5) sealed bids for the Medea Creek Restoration Project; NIB 15-03. The project includes naturalizing a portion of Medea Creek for aesthetic, educational, and biological habitat purposes, and to improve pedestrian connectivity in the area. The naturalization consists of removing approximately 425 linear feet of concrete channel and construction of a natural channel stabilized with native vegetation, boulders, and log structures. The project will include an ADA-compliant walkway from Kanan Road, through an open space parcel to the west of Medea Creek, to Chumash Park east of Medea Creek via a footbridge. To prevent minor flooding of private property during a 100-year storm, a four (4) foot high retaining wall would be constructed adjacent to, but outside of, the private parcels abutting the project.

The bid results were as follows:

Los Angeles Engineering, Inc.	\$1,407,435.00
MG Enterprises, Inc.	\$1,408,050.00
C.A. Rasmussen, Inc.	\$1,445,250.00
Staben Brothers, Inc.	\$1,555,475.75
Union Engineering, Inc.	\$1,746,585.00

Staff reviewed the bid submittal of the apparent low bidder, Los Angeles Engineering, and discovered the bridge supplier literature was not included with their bid package. Upon learning of the oversight, the contractor informed staff the proposed bridge supplier is Excel Bridge Manufacturing, Company (Excel). Based in Santa Fe Springs, California, Excel has been fabricating bridges since 1988, and meets the requirements for this project.

On June 2, 2015, the City received a formal letter of protest from C.A. Rasmussen, Inc., (CAR) claiming the two lowest bidders should be deemed nonresponsive for failing to provide the bridge supplier information at the time of the bid opening. Upon receipt of CAR's letter, staff consulted with the City Attorney and concluded that although Los Angeles Engineering did not include the bridge vendor information, doing so did not affect the contract price and/or give an unfair advantage to any company.

Bid protests are fairly common with major infrastructure projects, and staff will continue to work with the City's legal team to resolve this matter. This protest does not interrupt the normal procedure for awarding the contract at this meeting.

Staff contacted references to discuss Los Angeles Engineering's work as they have never worked in the City. The references indicated they were extremely satisfied with the contractor's performance. The company is based in Covina, California.

The project budget includes \$1,218,750 of Proposition 84 Funds, as well as, \$365,000 from former Third District Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, for a total of \$1,583,750. No General Fund money is needed to complete the project.

Work is anticipated to commence by July, and take approximately four (4) months to complete, with no work to be done on holidays.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully recommends the City Council award the contract for the Medea Creek Restoration Project; NIB 15-03, to Los Angeles Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$1,407,435.00.