

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

DATE: APRIL 27, 2005

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER

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SUBJECT: CONTRACT AWARD FOR THE CITYWIDE IRRIGATION SYSTEM UPGRADE PROJECT; NIB 04-10

On March 9, 2005, the City Council authorized staff to seek bids to upgrade the existing *Calsense* irrigation systems located in the parks and several median island areas on Kanan Road and Thousand Oaks Boulevard in order to provide a centrally-controlled water management system. The City has budgeted \$45,000 to complete this work.

A pre-bid meeting was scheduled for March 29th, to acquaint all prospective bidders with this specialized project, the job site, specifications, review plans and answer any questions. No potential contractors attended. Bid closing was April 5, 2005 at 2:00 PM. No bids were submitted.

In cases where no bids are received for a project that is subject to the bidding requirements of State law, Public Contracts Code Section 20166 permits the City to complete the project through other means. Given the specialized nature of this project, staff recommends that the Council determine that no bids were received for the project and direct staff to proceed based on Public Contracts Code Section 20166.

Staff further recommends that the Council authorize staff to proceed with a sole source bidding effort, whereby staff will directly contact contractors qualified to do the work. Upon obtaining the proposals, staff will return to Council requesting authorization to both award a construction contract and directly purchase the upgraded *Calsense* irrigation equipment.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the City Council determine no responsive bids were received for the Citywide Irrigation Upgrade Project, and direct staff to proceed with the effort to complete this project pursuant to Public Contracts Code Section 20166.