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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: STEEL WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT - HOLLYWOOD PARK VIEW/SUTTERVILLE PARK UNIT NO. 3 (PN:ZB61-3) - ACCEPT LOW BID OF \$374,580 AND AWARD CONTRACT TO LUPTON EXCAVATION, INC.

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: This steel water main replacement project is located in an area north of Fruitridge Road along the westerly side of 24th Street in District No. 5.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council accept the low bid of \$374,580 from Lupton Excavation, Inc. for the "Steel Water Main Replacement - Hollywood Park View/Sutterville Park Unit No. 3" project, and award the contract.

CONTACT PERSON: Gary E. Gosse, Supervising Engineer, 433-6611

FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: June 29, 1993

SUMMARY

On April 6, 1993, the City Council approved plans and specifications and authorized advertising for bids. Bids were received from eighteen contractors and opened by the City Clerk on May 5, 1993. Lupton Excavating, Inc. is the low bidder at \$374,580.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION

None.



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The project involves the installation of 6 and 8-inch diameter water main pipes and water services in an existing developed area. The new water main pipes will replace existing thin wall steel water main pipes that are substandard and leaking. The project also includes the installation of new fire hydrants. The new water main pipe will be installed within public street right-of-ways. It will replace existing water mains installed in rear yard easements.

Based on review by the Department of Utilities staff, all bids met submission requirements.

The bids received were:

Lupton Excavation Inc.	\$	374,580
Richard Cox Construction Inc.		419,605
J. Bird and Sons Company, Inc.		445,650
Cox and Cox Construction, Inc.		452,100
McGuire and Hester		465,445
ABC Service		469,066
Sierra National Construction, Inc.		469,825
Delta Excavating, Inc.		471,075
Ahlstrom Construction Company, Inc.		473,230
Pfister Excavating, Inc.		482,545
Phillips Backhoe and Trenching		487,525
Lund Construction Company		498,550
GSE Construction Company, Inc.		499,667*
Vulcan Construction and Maintenance		519,065
JJM Engineering Construction		551,550
Antovich Construction, Inc.		567,400
T & S Construction Company, Inc.		587,575
Daniel Ontiveras Construction Company		823,670*

Note: MBE/WBE contractors are indicated with (*).

The engineer's estimated construction cost was \$468,070. The estimated project completion date is August 27, 1993.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Sufficient funds are available for this project. The current estimated total project cost including design, inspection, and contingency is \$443,877.00. The balance remaining in the budget of the project, as of May 12, 1993, is \$503,835.27.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

The action recommended in this report, to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, is consistent with the Public Contract Code of the State of California and with the City Code (Chapter 58, Article III, Section 58.304).

MBE/WBE

Plans and specifications were sent to twenty (20) plan rooms and construction service organizations for publication and use by the construction industry of Northern California. There are four (4) organizations on the distribution list that are directly involved with MBE/WBE contractors. In addition, this project was announced on the City's Construction Bid Line (392-4758), and an advance notice of this project has been sent to the above plan rooms and construction services, and to seven (7) organizations directly involved with minorities and small businesses. There were eighteen plan holders, two of which are on a Caltrans list of certified MBE/WBE contractors both of whom submitted bids.

The bid documents (plans and specification) for this project were approved by Council on April 6, 1993. The project specifications included a form entitled "DBE, MBE, WBE PROGRAM STATEMENTS". The form requests bidders provide information describing their efforts to utilize DBE, MBE, and WBE subcontractors for portions of the contract work. The form used for this project was an interim document in use until new bidder DBE, MBE, and WBE reporting and documentation forms were available.

The low bidder, Lupton Excavation, did not meet the City's MBE/WBE goals. Lupton Excavation listed two subcontractors, Vickers Core Bore (MBE) and Tri-Delta Boring (WBE) as part of their bid. Vickers Core Bore and Tri-Delta Boring are to perform approximately one (1) percent and ten (10) percent of the contract, respectively. Vickers Core Bore is on the City's list of certified MBE/WBE contractors. However, Tri-Delta Boring is no longer on the City's list of certified MBE/WBE contractors. Their City certification expired on August 9, 1992 and on April 22, 1993 the company was de-certified. Tri-Delta Boring is a certified WBE contractor by California Public Utilities Clearing House (92AN0050) expires 1996). Staff of the Department of Utilities has been advised that certification by California Public Utilities Clearing House is not recognized by the City's Office of Minority, Women, and Small Business or by CALTRANS.

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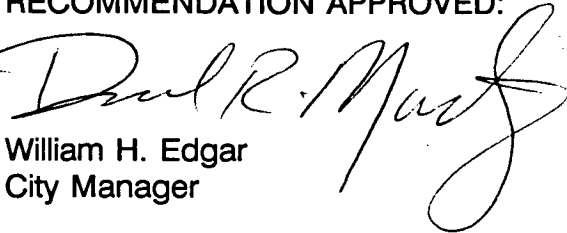
Department of Utilities staff reviewed information submitted by Lupton Excavation and do not believe that Lupton demonstrated a good faith effort per the requirements of Chapter 58 of the City Code. Accordingly, Utilities staff consulted the Office of Minority, Women, and Small Business. The Office of Minority, Women, and Small Business Coordinator has recommended award of the contract since the bid documents did not contain guidance on Council's new M/WBE goals.

Respectfully submitted,



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RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:



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APPROVED:



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