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DEPARTMENT OF
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ENGINEERING SERVICES

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August 21, 1997

City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members In Session:

SUBJECT: SIDEWALK FRENCH DRAINS (PN:WH08) - REJECT ALL BIDS

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT:

This project is located in the Pocket Area (District 7).

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends City Council reject all bids and not award the contract.

CONTACT PERSON: **Andy Hunt, Senior Engineer, 433-6620**
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FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: September 16, 1997

SUMMARY

On August 6, 1997, bids were received from two contractors and opened by the City Clerk. Staff recommends rejection of all bids. The low bid did not meet the City's MBE/WBE goals, and the Good Faith Effort was inadequate and has been deemed non-responsive. The remaining bid was excessively high in cost.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION

None.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Many residential streets in the Pocket area are subject to high water tables which allow drainage across and under sidewalks and into the structural pavement section. The excess drainage allows the formation of moss and algae on the sidewalks and the intrusion of ground water into the structural pavement section. Similar Pocket Area French Drain projects in 1995 and 1996 significantly reduced the amount of excess drainage. The current project proposes to continue the construction of under sidewalk and french drains on residential streets where drainage problems have been identified.

The bids received on August 6, 1997 were:

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| 1. | Farris Construction | \$ 225,620 |
| 2. | Environmental Construction | \$ 356,830 |

Farris Construction was the low bidder at \$225,620. The low bidder's Good Faith Effort has been determined to be unsatisfactory, and the bid has been deemed non-responsive.

The second low bidder was Environmental Construction at \$356,830. Environmental Construction met the City's MBE/WBE goals. However, Environmental's bid of \$356,830 is excessively high and \$136,830 over the engineer's estimate of \$220,000.

Staff recommends rejecting all bids and re-advertising the project at a later date.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION

Re-advertising the project will require additional staff time and expense for the bidding process.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

The Planning Services Division, Environmental Section has reviewed the project and has determined that this project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15301(d).

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POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Rejection of bids is requested pursuant to Section 58.03.304 of the City Code because:

- The low bidder submitted a non-responsive bid; and
- There was a substantial difference between the costs submitted by the apparent low bidder and costs submitted by the remaining bidder. For this reason, staff believes that the most cost effective way to proceed is to rebid this project at a later date.

MBE/WBE

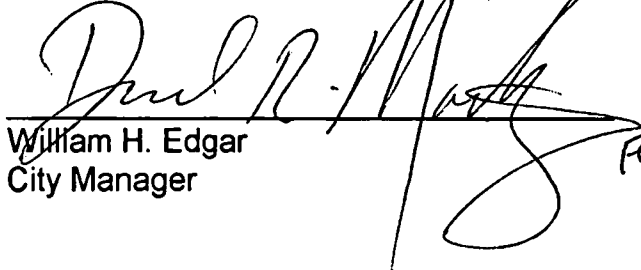
- This project included participation goals of 10.57% MBE and 9.5% WBE as required by Resolution 93-619, relating to MBE/WBE participation goals and policies, adopted by the City Council on November 2, 1993. Award of the project is contingent upon the responsive low bidder either meeting these project MBE/WBE participation goals or making documented good faith efforts towards meeting the project goals.
- The low bidder, Farris Construction, did not achieve the project goals, nor did they submit a satisfactory Good Faith Effort. Farris Construction's bid was deemed non-responsive due to the unsatisfactory Good Faith Effort.

Respectfully Submitted,



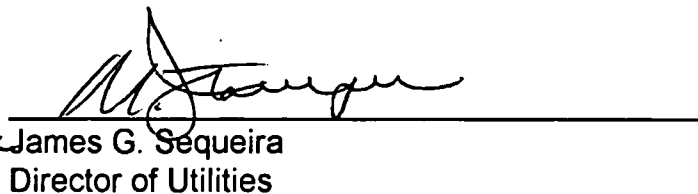
Gary A. Reents
Engineering Services Manager

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:



William H. Edgar
City Manager

APPROVED:



James G. Sequeira
Director of Utilities

RESOLUTION NO. 97-519

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**RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR THE SIDEWALK FRENCH
DRAINS (PN: WH08)**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL THAT:

The bids for the Sidewalk French Drains are hereby rejected.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

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DATE ADOPTED: _____