



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: July 18, 2006

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: BRISTOL STREET/I-405 LANDSCAPING PROJECT - CITY PROJECT NO. 06-14

DATE: JUNE 30, 2006

FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT/ENGINEERING DIVISION

PRESENTATION BY: WILLIAM J. MORRIS, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. Award a construction contract to Diversified Landscape Management, Inc., 12112 Severn Way, Riverside, CA 92503, in the amount of \$422,200.
2. Authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the Public Works Agreement.

BACKGROUND:

To enhance the recently completed landscaping at Bristol Street/I-405 and Avenue Of The Arts offramp as part of the I-405/SR-55 Transitway Project, the City has worked closely with OCTA and Caltrans to implement a project by fall 2006.

A Freeway Landscape Taskforce, including staff from the City, South Coast Metro area businesses, Caltrans, and OCTA, was formed to develop landscape plans to enhance the area. City staff was successful in securing grant funding from OCTA for the landscaping project. A Cooperative Agreement was approved by the City Council between the City and Caltrans during the regular meeting of February 7, 2006 for the design of the new landscape improvements.

The scope of work for this project, in general, consists of the installation of enhanced landscaping and irrigation at Bristol Street/I-405 Interchange and at the Avenue Of The Arts offramp; and all other work necessary for the completion of the project per the contract plans and specifications.

ANALYSIS:

On June 26, 2006, the City Clerk received and opened four (4) bids for this project. The apparent low bidder, Diversified Landscape Management, Inc. submitted a bid proposal in the amount of \$422,200. The Engineer's estimate was \$418,528.01; and the average of the four (4) bids received amounted to \$441,217.75. An analysis of the bids indicates that the apparent low bidder submitted a proposal that is 0.88 percent higher than the Engineer's estimate. The Bid Abstract is included as "Attachment 1."

The license and references of Diversified Landscape Management were checked and staff has found them to be in good standing.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

The alternative to this Council action would be to reject all the bids. If all the bids are rejected, the City would have to readvertise or cancel the project. Staff believes that readvertising the project will not result in lower bids.

FISCAL REVIEW:

There is no fiscal impact to the City with this item.

Based on an earlier agreement, OCTA provided \$537,200 to fund the landscape improvements at the Bristol Street/I-405 Interchange and the Avenue Of The Arts offramp. These funds have been allocated for this project through Budget Adjustment No. 06-03. Caltrans' cost for design services was \$80,000. The remaining funds will be utilized for project implementation within the contract amount.

The purchase requisition for this expenditure, included as "Attachment 2," has been approved by the Finance Department acknowledging the availability of the funds.

LEGAL REVIEW:

Diversified Landscape Management has furnished the necessary bonds and insurance, which were approved as to form by the City Attorney's office. After the award and subsequent execution of the contract, a "Notice to Proceed" will be issued.

CONCLUSION:

It is recommended that the City Council award the contract to Diversified Landscape Management, Inc. in the amount of \$422,200; and authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the Public Works Agreement.

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ATTACHMENTS: "1" [Bid Abstract](#)
 "2" [Purchase Requisition](#)

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