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metro.net**PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE**
July 17, 2013**SUBJECT: FREEWAY BEAUTIFICATION LANDSCAPING INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE****ACTION: AWARD A CONTRACT****RECOMMENDATION**

- A. Award and execute a firm fixed price (FFP) Contract No. PS13FSP71R for a period of 30 months to ACCU Construction, Inc. to provide landscape installation and maintenance services in support of the Metro Freeway Beautification Project for a fixed price of \$2,634,736 and,
- B. Authorize the CEO to execute individual contract modifications as required, but not to exceed a total of 15% of the total contract amount to cover the cost of any unforeseen issues that may arise during the performance of the contract.

ISSUE

The Los Angeles County freeway system is a vital transportation infrastructure. The condition of the system is a reflection of the condition of the county and affects the mobility, economy, health, livability, and perception of the county. The State of California has been unable to fully maintain the system resulting in a less than desirable freeway environment. As a result, Metro initiated the Freeway Beautification Project to assist with graffiti abatement, debris removal, and landscape improvements.

DISCUSSION

Beginning in August 2011 with the graffiti removal on four bridges (three railroad and one utility) spanning the I-710 freeway, Metro has been working to improve the appearance of the freeway system within the two pilot project corridors:

- I-110 from Hill Street to Exposition Boulevard
- I-710 from SR-60 to I-405

Field activities to date have focused on graffiti abatement and debris removal while efforts were underway to obtain approved landscape plans and a landscape contractor. An initial procurement was conducted in late 2012 to obtain a landscape contractor. Unfortunately, no bids were received and a subsequent procurement was conducted resulting in the current recommendation. The landscape contractor will be responsible for providing general landscape maintenance support along the two pilot corridors and implementing three showcase landscape designs. A rendering of the showcase landscape designs are provided as Attachment D.

The landscape designs focus on creating a sustainable and low-maintenance environment. A number of strategies have been employed including the use of hardscape, drought-resistant and native plants, as well as using landscape as deterrence and prevention against graffiti vandalism. The landscape designs offer a vibrant improvement to the corridors while incorporating the latest “green” and sustainable practices. For example, the design for the I-710 showcase includes a water runoff conveyance system (bioswale) to assist in the treatment of surface water runoff.

DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT

It is anticipated that this project as a whole and the landscape contract in particular, will improve the overall safety of the freeway system. Proper maintenance of the landscape will improve the overall maintenance management of the freeway system by enabling Caltrans to allocate their limited resources on issues that can and do pose a greater safety hazard to the public.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funding of \$2,634,736 for this agreement is included in the proposed FY14 budget under cost center 3352, Freeway Service Patrol, Project 405522, Metro Freeway Beautification and line 50308, Services Contract Maintenance. Since this is multiyear contract, the cost center manager and Executive Director, Highway Program will be accountable for budgeting the cost in future years.

Impact to Budget

The Freeway Beautification Project is funded through Proposition C 25% sales tax and is not eligible for bus or rail operating projects.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The alternative considered is not to implement this project and continue to see the freeway system deteriorate with the lack of landscaping and maintenance. Staff is not recommending this alternative because as the transportation agency for Los Angeles County, it is in Metro’s best interest to take steps to ensure that this vital transportation infrastructure is maintained.

NEXT STEPS

Upon Board approval, staff will return to the Board with an update for this project within the next six (6) months and will continue to evaluate the performance of the pilot project and develop criteria for the possible selection of new project areas.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Procurement Summary
- B. Showcase Renderings

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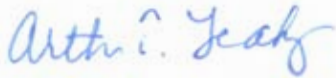
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PROCUREMENT SUMMARY
Freeway Beautification Landscaping Installation and Maintenance

1.	Contract Number: PS13FSP71R	
2.	Recommended Vendor: ACCU Construction, Inc. (ACCU)	
3.	Type of Procurement (check one): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IFB 2-Step <input type="checkbox"/> RFP <input type="checkbox"/> RFP-A&E <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Competitive <input type="checkbox"/> Modification <input type="checkbox"/> Task Order	
4.	Procurement Dates:	
	A. Issued: January 30, 2013	
	B. Advertised/Publicized: January 31, 2013 and February 4, 2013	
	C. Pre-proposal/Pre-Bid Conference: February 8, 2013	
	D. Proposals/Bids Due: March 12, 2013	
	E. Pre-Qualification Completed: May 30, 2013	
	F. Conflict of Interest Form Submitted to Ethics: May 16, 2013	
	G. Protest Period End Date: July 30, 2013	
5.	Solicitations Picked up/Downloaded: 17	Bids/Proposals Received: 2
6.	Contract Administrator: Victor Zepeda	Telephone Number: (213) 922-1458
7.	Project Manager: Iain Fairweather	Telephone Number: (213) 922-5650

A. Procurement Background

This Board Action is to approve Contract PS13FSP71R for Landscape Installation and Maintenance at various freeway locations of the two pilot areas.

The IFB was issued in accordance with Metro’s Acquisition Policy and Procedure and the contract type is a Firm Fixed Price.

Six amendments were issued during the solicitation phase of this IFB as follows:

- Amendment No. 1 was issued on February 11, 2013 to memorialize the pre-bid meeting held February 8, 2013;
- Amendment No. 2 was issued on February 14, 2013 to extend the due date from February 27, 2013, to March 6, 2013; extend the Question and Answer period to February 22, 2013; revise Minimum Qualifications 1a and 1b; modify the submittal requirements for Section 3 of IFB; and provide responses to questions received as of the date of the amendment;
- Amendment No. 3 was issued on February 19, 2013 to answer questions received through February 19, 2013;
- Amendment No. 4 was issued on February 26, 2013 to answer questions received as of February 22, 2013;

- Amendment No. 5 was issued on March 4, 2013 to delete Special Provision - 10 "Escrow of Bid Documents"; extend the due date to March 8, 2013; and revise Section 5 – Bid/Proposal Forms, Schedule of Quantities and Prices Form;
- Amendment No. 6 was issued on March 6, 2013 to extend the due date to March 12, 2013 and revise Section 5 – Bid/Proposal Forms, Schedule of Quantities and Prices Form.

Two proposals were received by the due date, March 12, 2013, listed in alphabetical order below:

- ACCU Construction, Inc.
- Marina Landscape

B. Evaluation of Proposals/Bids

A total of two proposers responded to this solicitation. A Selection Committee consisting of staff from Metro, LA SAFE, and Caltrans was convened and conducted a comprehensive technical evaluation of the proposals received.

The proposals were evaluated based on the pre-established minimum qualifications to ensure that the bidders possess the necessary experience, technical qualifications, are properly licensed, and generally qualified to perform the work.

The minimum qualifications are appropriate and consistent with criteria developed for other similar freeway installation and maintenance contracts.

The Source Selection Committee evaluated the proposals in accordance with the pre-established Step-One Minimum Qualification criteria for this solicitation. Of the two proposals received, one was determined to have passed the minimum qualifications criteria. The firm is listed below:

- ACCU Construction, Inc. (ACCU)

As the only firm that qualified for Step 2, Bid Opening, ACCU bid price was opened and the bid amount for this project is \$2,634,736.

C. Cost/Price Analysis

The recommended bid price has been determined to be fair and reasonable based upon an independent cost estimate, cost analysis, and technical evaluation.

D. Background on Recommended Contractor

The recommended firm, ACCU located in Santa Ana, CA, has been in business for 11 years. Owned and operated by Dennis Yum, ACCU is a general engineering contractor. The firm specializes in public works and federal construction projects,

with a primary focus on landscaping, earthwork, asphalt paving, concrete works, painting, and building renovation. This firm has vast experience with a variety of projects and has worked with many public and federal agencies. ACCU is a licensed contractor with the following licenses: General Engineering Contractor License A, General Building Contractor License B, and Specialty Contractor Licenses C12, and C27.

E. Small Business Participation

The Diversity and Economic Opportunity Department (DEOD) established a 10% Small Business Enterprise (SBE) goal for this solicitation. ACCU Construction, Inc. is a SBE Prime and made a 74.89% SBE commitment, to be performed with its own workforce. The remaining work will be performed by non-SBE firms.

SMALL BUSINESS GOAL	SBE 10%	SMALL BUSINESS COMMITMENT	SBE 74.89%
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DBE/SBE Subcontractors		% Committed
1.	ACCU Construction, Inc.	74.89%
Total Commitment		74.89%

F. All Subcontractors Included with Recommended Contractor’s Proposal

	Subcontractor	Services Provided
1.	A1A Engineering & Construction, Inc.	Demolition, grading, paving
2.	Statewide Traffic Safety and Signs, Inc.	Traffic control and construction area signage
3.	Pennine Plumbing, Inc.	Plumbing and backflow
4.	Solex Electronics Inc.	Photovoltaic and electrical
5.	Seala Construction, Inc.	Concrete and rock blanket
6.	Agriserve Pest Control, Inc.	Pre/post-emergent weed control

ATTACHMENT B

I-110 ADAMS SHOWCASE LANDSCAPE



I-110 DOWNTOWN SHOWCASE LANDSCAPE



I-710 AND I-105 INTERCHANGE SHOWCASE LANDSCAPE

