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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

**AWARD OF PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, 3, AND 4
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to prepare the construction and maintenance services contracts in the form previously approved by County Counsel, execute the contracts, and establish the effective dates following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material bonds filed by the contractors for the following:

Project ID No. FCC0000903 - Project No. 286 - Manhattan Beach Storm Drain, Low-Flow Diversion at 28th Street, City of Manhattan Beach (4), to Clarke Contracting Corporation, in amount of \$855,990.00.

Project ID No. FCC0000995 - Del Amo Channel - Avalon Pump Station Engine Replacement and Pump Station Upgrade, Phase 2, City of Carson (2), to SS Mechanical Corporation, in amount of \$707,690.00.

Project ID No. FMD0002052 - Channel Right of Way Clearing, 2006, East Maintenance Area, vicinities of City of Industry, Pomona, Glendora, San Dimas, Monrovia, and Pasadena (1 and 5), to TruGreen LandCare, a general partnership, in amount of \$464,295.00

Project ID No. RDC0013680 - Vermont Avenue, vicinity of Carson (2), to Sequel Contractors, Inc., in amount of \$3,079,192.35.

Project ID No. RDC0014239 - Atlantic Boulevard at 60 Freeway Landscape Improvements, City of Monterey Park (1), to Belaire West Landscape, Inc., in amount of \$214,058.00.

Project ID No. RMD3246032 - Parkway Tree Trimming, RD 233, Et Al., MD 3, FY 2005-06, vicinities of Culver City and City of Los Angeles (2 and 3), to TruGreen LandCare, a general partnership, in amount of \$243,065.00.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

We are recommending that your Board award these construction and maintenance services contracts and authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to execute the contracts and establish the effective contract dates following receipt of approved bonds and insurance filed by contractors for each of these projects.

The enclosure for each project includes the project description, the call for bids and bid opening dates, a tabulation of bids, and financial information. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposals for each project are also enclosed, including addenda to the contract specifications for Project ID No. FCC0000995 and RDC0013680.

The recommended construction and maintenance services contracts are necessary to execute Board-directed and approved Public Works projects in support of operational missions. Your Board's approval of the recommended contract awards and our subsequent execution of the contracts will ensure the timely completion of the projects.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The award of these construction and maintenance services contracts is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since these contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The enclosure for each project includes the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate and the other bids received.

These projects are included in the 2005-06 Department of Public Works Budget. The enclosure for each project includes more detailed fiscal and financial information.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Recommended contract awards are to the lowest responsible bidders in accordance with the California Public Contract Code and your Board's directives.

On October 27, 1981, your Board adopted a program for the use of small Minority and Women-owned Businesses (MWBES) on Federal- and State-funded highway construction contracts. Companies meeting these requirements are certified by the State as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs). An overall goal for subcontracting portions of the work to DBEs is established for each project. Contracts are recommended for award to the lowest responsible bidder who meets the goal or documents a good faith effort to do so in conformance with the program.

We have also developed an outreach program to encourage all qualified contractors to participate in the bidding and contracting process on our projects. Under this program, we place notices of upcoming bids in local and minority newspapers throughout the County. These notices indicate that copies of plans and specifications are available at specified libraries and the Public Works Headquarters building. This allows interested contractors to view the plans and specifications at convenient locations. We also provide telephone numbers (including one for Spanish-speaking contractors) to obtain further information on bidding and subcontracting opportunities.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, each of these projects was listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

The contracts will be in the form previously approved by County Counsel. We will also review and approve the faithful performance and payment bonds filed by the contractors.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Each of these projects was found to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act at the time your Board called for bids. The specifics of these findings are included in the enclosure for each project.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The contracts were solicited on an open competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees.

Public Works has confirmed that all of the respective contractors are in compliance with the County's Child Support Compliance Program and the requirements of the Contractor Employee Jury Service Program. In addition, the contracts will include language requiring compliance with the Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law).

The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence or General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs.

To ensure that the contracts are awarded to responsible contractors with satisfactory performance histories, bidders are required to report False Claims Act violations, labor law/payroll violations, debarments, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported by all of the respective contractors was considered before making this recommendation to approve execution of the contracts.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These construction and maintenance services contracts will result in improved public works infrastructure in the communities where the work is scheduled. Where appropriate, local residents and businesses will be informed that traffic and local access may be mildly disrupted during the construction. The proposed schedules for construction are included in the enclosure for each project.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD L. WOLFE
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000903, PROJECT NO. 286 - MANHATTAN BEACH STORM DRAIN, LOW FLOW DIVERSION AT 28TH STREET (City of Manhattan Beach),
Supervisorial District 4

TYPE OF WORK: Construction of a low-flow diversion weir in an existing reinforced concrete box conduit; reinforced concrete water/sediment/trash separator; reinforced concrete pipe detention structure; reinforced concrete sump with pumps, control system, and discharge pipes; dewatering; and other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 4, 2006 (Synopsis 67)

BID OPENING DATE: May 2, 2006

BID SUMMARY:

Low	*Clarke Contracting Corporation, a corporation 4646 Manhattan Beach Boulevard Lawndale, California 90260 (310) 542-7724	\$ 855,990.00
2	Atlas-Allied, Inc.	\$ 942,925.00
3	*Miramontes Construction Company, Inc.	\$1,055,150.00
4	Mike Bubalo Construction Company, Inc.	\$1,099,900.00
5	Garcia Juarez Construction, Inc.	\$1,215,800.00

*MBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$835,030.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$855,990.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 20,960.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 2.5 percent above the estimate.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Flood Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Clarke Contracting Corporation has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract. This contract does not have a Federal or State DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15301 (b) of the California Environmental Quality Act and Class 1, Subsection (e), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The project is to be completed in 70 working days. The Coastal Development Permit restricts construction between May 15, and September 1, 2006. It is estimated that the work will start in September and be completed in December 2006.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000995, DEL AMO CHANNEL - AVALON PUMP STATION
ENGINE REPLACEMENT AND PUMP STATION UPGRADE, PHASE 2
(City of Carson), Supervisorial District 2

TYPE OF WORK: Replacement of two diesel-fueled engines with natural-gas fueled engines, removal of an above-ground diesel fuel tank, modifying the existing right angle gears, and other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: March 21, 2006 (Synopsis 49)

BID OPENING DATE: April 18, 2006

BID SUMMARY:

Low	SS Mechanical Corporation 17631 Metzler Lane Huntington Beach, California 92647-6244 (714) 847-1317	\$707,690.00
2	Denboer Engineering & Construction	\$786,000.00

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$575,000.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$707,690.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$132,690.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 23 percent above the estimate, which was based on recent average contract prices for similar items of work. However, since both bids received were competitively priced, we do not believe re-advertising the project will result in lower bids. Therefore, we recommend award of the contract to the lowest bidder.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District for the Fiscal Year 2005-06.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

SS Mechanical Corporation has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal or State DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant per Section 15301 (b) of the California Environmental Quality Act, and Class 1, Subsections (e) and (l), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 60 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in September and be completed in November 2006.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. FMD0002052, CHANNEL RIGHT OF WAY CLEARING, 2006,
EAST MAINTENANCE AREA (in the vicinities of City of Industry, Pomona, Glendora,
San Dimas, Monrovia, and Pasadena), Supervisorial Districts 1 and 5

TYPE OF WORK: Clearing of vegetation and debris from channel right of way and
channel lining weep holes, joints, and cracks.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: March 21, 2006 (Synopsis 50)

BID OPENING DATE: April 25, 2006

BID SUMMARY:

Low	TruGreen LandCare, a general partnership, composed of TruGreen LandCare, L.L.C., and TruGreen Companies, L.L.C., both corporations 1367 West 9th Street Upland, California 91786 (909) 920-4308	\$464,295.00
2	*Mariposa Horticultural Enterprises, Inc.	\$467,700.00
3	+Trimming Land Company, Inc.	\$574,000.00

*MWBE
+LSBE

A bid was also received from Real Estate Consulting & Services, Inc., for \$471,444.13.
However, they were determined to be nonresponsive because they failed to submit a
Bid Bond.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$435,000.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$464,295.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 29,295.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 6.7 percent above the estimate.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District for Fiscal Year 2005-06.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

TruGreen LandCare, a general partnership, has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract. This contract does not have a Federal or State DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (e), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 90 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in June and be completed in October 2006.

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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0013680, VERMONT AVENUE (in the vicinity of Carson),
Supervisorial District 2

TYPE OF WORK: Resurfacing of existing roadway pavement; reconstruction of curb and gutter, sidewalk, driveways, and cross gutters; construction of bus pads; installation of traffic signals, striping, and pavement markings; landscaping of roadway medians including planting trees, shrubs, and ground covers; and the installation of river rock paving and an irrigation system.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 4, 2006 (Synopsis 68)

BID OPENING DATE: May 9, 2006

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Sequel Contractors, Inc. 13546 Imperial Highway Santa Fe Springs, California 90670 (562) 802-7227	\$3,079,192.35
2	Sully-Miller Contracting Company	\$3,325,000.00
3	Excel Paving Company	\$3,763,953.48
4	Romero General Construction	\$3,798,876.70
5	All American Asphalt	\$4,511,000.00

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$2,883,883.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$3,079,192.35
Amount of recommended contract above the estimate	\$ 195,309.35

The amount of the recommended contract is 6.8 percent above the estimate.

This project will be administered under the Federal Surface Transportation Program-Local covered by Agreement No. 71078 with the State of California. Under this program, Federal funds allocated to local agencies are used to finance a portion of the cost of road improvement projects. A Transportation Enhancement Activity grant made available through the California Transportation Commission has been obtained to finance a portion of the cost of the landscaping work from 223rd Street to Ashbridge Lane. We have also received a Rubberized Asphalt Concrete grant made available by the California Integrated Waste Management Board to be used towards the pavement work. This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Proposition C Local Return Fund and Road Fund Budgets.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED ENTERPRISE DATA:

Sequel Contractors, Inc., has one DBE subcontractor/supplier under this contract, yielding a proposed DBE participation of 4 percent. This contract does not have a Federal or State DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsections (x)(2), (x)(4), (x)(9), (x)(10), (x)(13), and (x)(14) of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, and Section 15301(c) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 180 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in July 2006 and be completed in April 2007.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014239, ATLANTIC BOULEVARD AT 60 FREEWAY
LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS (City of Monterey Park), Supervisorial District 1

TYPE OF WORK: Planting of trees, shrubs, and ground cover; the installation of river rock paving, stamped and colored concrete, and an irrigation system; and other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: March 14, 2006 (Synopsis 39)

BID OPENING DATE: April 11, 2006

BID SUMMARY:

Low	*Belaire West Landscape, Inc., a corporation 7371 Walnut Avenue Buena Park, California 90620 (714) 523-9200	\$214,058.00
2	*Diversified Landscape Management, Inc.	\$225,830.00
3	Griffith Company	\$243,997.00
4	America West Landscape, Inc.	\$271,792.45

*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$266,770.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$214,058.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 52,712.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 20 percent below the estimate.

The proposed improvements are entirely within the City of Monterey Park. County-City of Monterey Park Agreement No. 75445 provides for the County to finance the project cost and to maintain, at County expense, the improvements for a five-year period after your Board's acceptance of the project. Funding for this project is available from the First Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program included in the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Belaire West Landscape, Inc., a WBE, has one MWBE subcontractor/supplier under this contract yielding a proposed MWBE participation of 1.6 percent. This contract does not have a Federal or State DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On November 29, 2005, Synopsis No. 45, your Board found that this project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The project is to be completed in 60 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in July and be completed in September 2006.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. RMD3246032, PARKWAY TREE TRIMMING, RD 233, ET AL.,
MD 3, FY 2005-06 (in the vicinities of Culver City and City of Los Angeles),
Supervisorial Districts 2 and 3

TYPE OF WORK: Trimming and removal of parkway trees.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: March 21, 2006 (Synopsis 52)

BID OPENING DATE: April 18, 2006

BID SUMMARY:

Low	TruGreen LandCare, a general partnership, composed of TruGreen LandCare, L.L.C., and TrueGreen Companies, L.L.C., both corporations 1323 West 130th Street Gardena, CA 90247 (310) 354-1520	\$243,065.00
2	*H. Tree & Landscaping Company, Inc.	\$245,404.00
3	Travers Tree Service, Inc.	\$248,354.00
4	*Trimming Land Co., Inc.	\$253,800.00
5	+United Pacific Services, Inc.	\$291,617.00
6	West Coast Arborists, Inc.	\$322,380.00

*MWBE
+LSBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$237,440.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$243,065.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 5,625.00

The amount of the recommended contract 2.4 percent above the estimate.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

TruGreen LandCare, a general partnership, has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract. This contract does not have a Federal or State DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (j), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The project is to be completed in 60 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in October and be completed in December 2006.

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