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May 8, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AWARD OF PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, 4, AND 5
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to prepare the construction 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. FCC0000959 - San Jose Creek Channel Repair, City of Industry (1), to Kaveh Engineering & Construction, Inc., in amount of \$593,987.05.

Project ID No. RDC0011226 - Altadena Drive, et al., vicinity of Altadena (5), to Sequel Contractors, Inc., in amount of \$2,192,114.00.

Project ID No. SMDACO0108 - Hammel Street, et al., Sanitary Sewers, vicinity of East Los Angeles (1), to Repipe-California, Inc., in amount of \$213,090.00.

Project ID No. TSM0010162 - Artesia Boulevard, et al., Cities of Pico Rivera, Carson, Compton, Bellflower, Cerritos, La Mirada, and Long Beach (1, 2, and 4), to C. T. & F., Inc., in amount of \$2,336,437.93.

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Project ID No WRDW000016 - Rio Hondo Coastal Basin Spreading Grounds Interbasin Connection, City of Pico Rivera (1), to Sol Construction, Inc., in amount of \$226,955.00.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

We are recommending that your Board award these construction 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 an addendum to the contract specifications for Project ID No. FCC0000959.

The recommended construction 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 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 2006-07 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.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

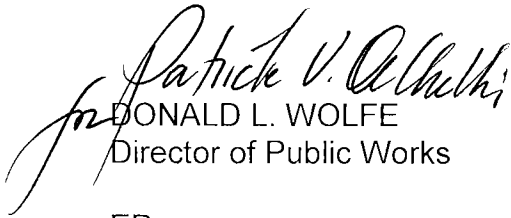
These construction contracts will result in improved public works infrastructure in the communities where the work is scheduled. Where appropriate, local residents and businesses will be informed that traffic and local access may be mildly disrupted during the construction. The proposed schedules for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

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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

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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000959, SAN JOSE CREEK CHANNEL REPAIR, (City of Industry), Supervisorial District 1

TYPE OF WORK: Replacement of sections of reinforced concrete channel walls and invert, construction of channel subdrain, and other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: March 13, 2007 (Agenda No. 42)

BID OPENING DATE: April 10, 2007

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Kaveh Engineering & Construction, Inc. 751 South Weir Canyon Road, No. 157-224 Anaheim, California 92808 (714) 926-8646	\$ 593,987.05
2	*Sol Construction, Inc.	\$ 621,988.00
3	Cora Constructors, Inc.	\$ 655,531.00
4	Mike Bubalo Construction Company, Inc.	\$ 713,893.00
5	*+Olivas Valdez, Inc.	\$ 777,707.50
6	+PPC Construction, Inc.	\$ 797,155.00
7	Zusser Company, Inc.	\$ 807,423.50
8	Bonadiman-McCain, Inc.	\$ 881,623.00
9	Minako American Corporation	\$ 948,017.00
10	C C Myers, Inc.	\$ 957,342.00
11	Garcia Juarez Construction, Inc.	\$ 980,594.00
12	PCN3, Inc.	\$1,085,272.00

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$665,532.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$593,987.05
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 71,544.95

The amount of the recommended contract is 11 percent below the engineer's estimate.

Sufficient funds for this project are available in the Flood Control District budget for Fiscal Year 2006-07.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Kaveh Engineering & Construction, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15301(d) of the California Environmental Quality Act and Class 1, Subsection (x)(14), and Class 2, Subsection (a) and (b), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedure 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 the work will start in June and be completed in September 2007.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0011226, ALTADENA DRIVE, ET AL. (in the vicinity of Altadena), Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Reconstruction of roadway pavement, curb and gutter, sidewalk, and driveways; construction of bus pads and curb ramps; modification of traffic signals; striping and pavement markings; and other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: March 6, 2007 (Agenda No. 55)

BID OPENING DATE: April 3, 2007

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Sequel Contractors, Inc., a corporation 13546 Imperial Highway Santa Fe Springs, California 90670 (562) 802-7227	\$2,192,114.00
2	Sully-Miller Contracting Company	\$2,311,694.80
3	All American Asphalt	\$2,351,989.61
4	Gentry Brothers, Inc.	\$2,671,615.20

Excel Paving Company submitted a bid in the amount of \$2,431,106.00; however, they left several bid items blank in their bid proposal. Therefore, their bid was considered nonresponsive and rejected as provided in the Instructions to Bidders.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$2,322,659.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$2,192,114.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 130,545.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 5.6 percent below the estimate.

We are seeking a Rubberized Asphalt Concrete grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board to be used toward the pavement work. This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Proposition C Local Return Fund and Road Fund Budgets.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Sequel Contractors, Inc., has two MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract yielding a proposed MWBE participation of 10 percent.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsections (x)(2), (x)(14), and (x)(18), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, and Sections 15301 (c) and 15303 (d) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 140 working days. It is estimated the work will start in June 2007 and be completed in January 2008.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. SMDACO0108, HAMMEL STREET, ET AL., SANITARY SEWERS
(in the vicinity of East Los Angeles), Supervisorial District 1

TYPE OF WORK: Cleaning, video inspection, lining of existing 8-inch sanitary sewers,
and other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: March 13, 2006 (Agenda No. 44)

BID OPENING DATE: April 10, 2007

BID SUMMARY:

Low RePipe-California, Inc., a corporation 5525 East Gibraltar Street Ontario, California 91764 (909) 291-4050	\$213,090.00
2 Insituform Technologies, Inc.	\$331,302.00
3 Southwest Pipeline and Trenchless Corp.	\$332,788.00

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$351,106.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$213,090.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$138,016.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 39 percent below the estimate.

Sufficient funds to cover the cost of this project are included in the Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund of the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

RePipe-California, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

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

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 50 working days. It is estimated the work will start in June and be completed in August 2007.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. TSM0010162, ARTESIA BOULEVARD, ET AL. (Cities of Pico Rivera, Carson, Compton, Bellflower, Cerritos, La Mirada, and Long Beach), Supervisorial Districts 1, 2, and 4

TYPE OF WORK: Modification and synchronization of traffic signals.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: March 13, 2007 (Agenda No. 44)

BID OPENING DATE: April 10, 2007

BID SUMMARY:

Low	*C. T. & F., Inc., a corporation 7228 Scout Avenue Bell Gardens, California 90201-4998 (562) 927-2339	\$2,336,437.93
2	KDC, Inc.	\$2,549,900.00
3	M S L Electric	\$2,596,523.65
4	Golden State Utility Company	\$3,125,793.00

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$2,463,693.50
Amount of recommended contract	\$2,336,437.93
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 127,255.57

The amount of the recommended contract is 5.2 percent below the engineer's estimate. The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority has approved a grant of Proposition C Discretionary Funds as part of the 1999 Gateway Cities Forum to finance the majority of the project cost. The City of Cerritos is contributing up to \$75,000 toward the construction of this project under a service request. This project is included in the 2006-07 Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

C. T. & F., Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsections (x)(4), (x)(5), (x)(14), and (x)(22), 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 150 working days. It is estimated the work will start in August 2007 and be completed in March 2008.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. WRDW000016, RIO HONDO COASTAL BASIN SPREADING
GROUNDS INTERBASIN CONNECTION (City of Pico Rivera), Supervisorial District 1

TYPE OF WORK: Reinforced concrete removal, construction of a reinforced concrete weir structure, and other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: March 13, 2007 (Agenda No. 42)

BID OPENING DATE: April 10, 2007

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Sol Construction, Inc., a corporation 600 Chicago Avenue, Suite R2 Riverside, California 92507 (951) 784-5209	\$226,955.00
2	Palp, Inc.	\$230,322.00
3	John S. Meek Company, Inc.	\$245,026.00
4	4-Con Engineering, Inc.	\$258,520.00
5	Kaveh Engineering & Construction	\$264,901.24
6	Cora Constructors, Inc.	\$277,409.70
7	+*Olivas Valdez, Inc.	\$285,850.00
8	GCI Construction, Inc.	\$296,080.00
9	Zondiros Corporation	\$305,080.00
10	Mike Bubalo Construction Company, Inc.	\$311,100.00
11	G. B. Cooke, Inc.	\$349,800.00
12	Garcia Juarez Construction, Inc.	\$370,800.00
13	*Bali Construction, Inc.	\$424,530.00

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$302,200.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$226,955.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 75,245.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 25 percent below the engineer's estimate.

Sufficient funds for this project are available in the Flood Control District budget for Fiscal Year 2006-07.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Sol Construction, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 2, Subsection (c), 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 45 working days. It is estimated the work will start in June and be completed in August 2007.

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