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July 3, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
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 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. RMD1446018 - Parkway Tree Trimming, Fast Growth, RD 417, FY 2006-07, vicinity of Rowland Heights (4), to Mariposa Horticultural Enterprises, Inc., in amount of \$104,596.00.
- Project ID No. RMD1546045 - Palm Tree Trimming, Road Divisions 117/118/417/517/518 - FY 2006-07, vicinities of La Puente, Diamond Bar, and Glendora (1, 4, and 5), to Grace Building Maintenance Co., Inc., in amount of \$135,310.00.
- Project ID No. RMD1546046 - Palm Tree Trimming, RD 514, FY 2006-07, vicinity of Pasadena (5), to Grace Building Maintenance Co., Inc., in amount of \$93,200.00.

- Project ID No. RMD4146015 - Parkway Tree Planting, Florence-Firestone Area (As-Needed), FY 2006-07, vicinities of Florence and Firestone (1 and 2), to Grace Building Maintenance Co., Inc., in amount of \$155,710.00.
- Project ID No. RMD4246007 - Parkway Tree Trimming, RD 141/241, FY 2006-07, vicinities of Walnut Park, Compton, and Long Beach (1, 2, and 4), to Trimming Land Co., Inc., in amount of \$84,947.00.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

It is recommended that your Board award these 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 attachment 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 attached.

The recommended 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 maintenance services contracts is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal 1, Service Excellence since the contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public. The recommended action is also consistent with Goal 6, Community Services, as the improvements resulting from the contracts will improve the quality of life in the affected communities.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The attachment 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 proposed 2007-08 Department of Public Works Budget. The attachment 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 (MWBs) 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.

The Department of Public Works has also developed an outreach program to encourage all qualified contractors to participate in the bidding and contracting process on our projects. Under this program, notices of upcoming bids are placed 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. Telephone numbers (including one for Spanish-speaking contractors) are also provided so that potential bidders may obtain further information on bidding and subcontracting opportunities.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with the Department of 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. The Department of Public Works 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 attachment 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.

The Department of 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 attachment for each project.

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**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works,  
Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chief Executive Officer

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Attachments (5)

c: County Counsel  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

AWARD OF CONTRACT  
July 3, 2007

PROJECT ID NO. RMD1446018, PARKWAY TREE TRIMMING, FAST GROWTH,  
RD 417, FY 2006-07 (in the vicinity of Rowland Heights), Supervisorial District 4

TYPE OF WORK: Trimming and removal of parkway trees.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: December 12, 2006 (Agenda No. 50)

BID OPENING DATE: January 9, 2007

BID SUMMARY:

Low	*Mariposa Horticultural Enterprises, Inc., a corporation 15529 Arrow Highway Irwindale, California 91706-2001 (626) 960-0196	\$104,596.00
2	TruGreen LandCare - Canoga Park	\$104,884.00
3	*George Salinas Tree Preservation	\$116,950.00

\*MBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$ 72,030.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$104,596.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 32,566.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 45 percent above the estimate, which was based on recent average contract prices for similar items of work. We do not believe re-advertising the project will result in lower bids. While the bid price is significantly higher than the estimate, re-advertising the project will result in increased contract administration costs and delay trimming of the trees with no guarantee lower bids will be received. Therefore, we recommend award of the contract to the low bidder.

This project is included in the proposed Fiscal Year 2007-08 Road Fund Budget.

Mariposa Horticultural Enterprises, Inc., an MBE, has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

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 contract specifications require the work to be completed in 30 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in September and be completed in October 2007.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT  
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PROJECT ID NO. RMD1546045, PALM TREE TRIMMING, ROAD DIVISIONS 117/118/417/517/518 - FY 2006-07 (in the vicinities of La Puente, Diamond Bar, and Glendora), Supervisorial Districts 1, 4, and 5)

TYPE OF WORK: Trimming and removal of parkway trees.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 10, 2007 (Agenda No. 49)

BID OPENING DATE: May 8, 2007

BID SUMMARY:

Low *+Grace Building Maintenance Co., Inc. 3580 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1440 Los Angeles, California 90010 (213) 386-2003	\$135,310.00
2 *George Salinas Tree Preservation	\$149,999.60
3 TruGreen Landcare	\$169,236.70
4 *J. Orozco Enterprises, Inc. \$171,710.00	
5 *H. Tree & Landscaping Company, Inc.	\$223,500.00
6 *Trimming Land Company, Inc.	\$240,080.00
7 Tree Elements, Inc.	\$287,554.60
8 West Coast Arborists	\$292,895.00

\*MBE

+LSBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$158,970.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$135,310.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 23,660.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 15 percent below the engineer's estimate.

This project is included in the proposed Fiscal Year 2007-08 Road Fund Budget.



MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Grace Building Maintenance Co., Inc., an MBE, has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

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

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PROJECT ID NO. RMD1546046, PALM TREE TRIMMING, RD 514, FY 2006-07 (in the vicinity of Pasadena), Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Trimming of parkway trees.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 10, 2007 (Agenda No. 49)

BID OPENING DATE: May 8, 2007

BID SUMMARY:

Low *+Grace Building Maintenance Co., Inc. a corporation 3580 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1440 Los Angeles, California 90010 (213) 386-2003	\$ 93,200.00
2 *Trimming Land Co., Inc.	\$104,494.00
3 *H. Tree & Landscaping Company., Inc.	\$115,100.00
4 *Orozco Landscape and Tree Co.	\$125,965.00
5 *George Salinas Tree Preservation	\$126,210.00
6 *Tree Elements, Inc.	\$146,331.50
7 West Coast Arborists, Inc.	\$163,750.00

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+LSBE

TruGreen LandCare submitted a bid in the amount of \$108,055.00; however, they failed to submit a valid bid bond with their bid proposal. Therefore, their bid is considered nonresponsive and rejected as provided in the Instructions to Bidders.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

hAmount of estimate	\$103,465.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$ 93,200.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 10,265.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 10 percent below the estimate.

This project is included in the proposed Fiscal Year 2007-08 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Grace Building Maintenance Co., Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

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 contract specifications require the work to be completed in 50 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in September and be completed in November 2007.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT  
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PROJECT ID NO. RMD4146015, PARKWAY TREE PLANTING, FLORENCE-FIRESTONE AREA, (AS-NEEDED), FY 2006-07 (in the vicinities of Florence and Firestone), Supervisorial Districts 1 and 2

TYPE OF WORK: Planting of parkway trees on an as-needed basis.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 17, 2007 (Agenda No. 45)

BID OPENING DATE: May 15, 2007

BID SUMMARY:

Low *+Grace Building Maintenance Co., Inc. 3580 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1440 Los Angeles, California 90010 (213) 386-2003	\$155,710.00
2 *Azteca Landscape	\$167,055.00
3 United Pacific Services, Inc.	\$189,980.00

\*MWBE  
+LSBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$159,550.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$155,710.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 3,840.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 2 percent below the engineer's estimate. This project is included in the proposed Fiscal Year 2007-08 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Grace Building Maintenance Co., Inc., an MBE, has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsections (x)(4) and (x)(9), 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 250 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in August 2007 and be completed in July 2008.

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PROJECT ID NO. RMD4246007, PARKWAY TREE TRIMMING, RD 141/241, FY 2006-07 (in the vicinities of Walnut Park, Compton, and Long Beach), Supervisorial Districts 1, 2, and 4

TYPE OF WORK: Trimming and removal of parkway trees.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: May 1, 2007 (Agenda No. 66)

BID OPENING DATE: May 29, 2007

BID SUMMARY:

Low	*Trimming Land Co., Inc., a corporation 10513 Dolores Avenue South Gate, California 90280 (323) 569-4498	\$ 84,947.00
2	TruGreen LandCare	\$ 99,578.00
3	*H. Tree & Landscaping Company, Inc.	\$112,110.00
4	*Treesmith Enterprises, Inc.	\$119,793.00
5	Travers Tree Service, Inc.	\$145,365.00
6	West Coast Arborists, Inc.	\$149,420.00

\*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$110,030.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$ 84,947.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 25,083.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 23 percent below the estimate.

This project is included in the proposed Fiscal Year 2007-08 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Trimming Land Co., Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

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 40 working days. It is estimated the work will start in October and be completed in November 2007.

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