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Chief Executive Officer

August 21, 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:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: AWARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS
BALDWIN PARK, BELL, COMMERCE, CUDAHY, CITY OF INDUSTRY, IRWINDALE,
MONTEBELLO, PICO RIVERA, SOUTH GATE, VERNON, LYNWOOD, ARTESIA,
DIAMOND BAR, DOWNEY, LONG BEACH, AND COVINA
(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 and maintenance service 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. FMD0002057 - San Gabriel River Clearing 2007, to remove vegetation and debris from the channel, Cities of Baldwin Park, City of Industry, Irwindale, and Pico Rivera (1), to Travers Tree Service, Inc., in amount of \$237,974.00.
- Project ID No. RDC0014619 - Truck Impacted Intersection Project Groups A & B, Phase 1, to upgrade intersections and traffic signals, Cities of Bell, Commerce, Cudahy, Montebello, South Gate, Vernon, Lynwood, Artesia, Downey, and Long Beach (1, 2, and 4), to Alliance Streetworks, Inc., in amount of \$5,674,435.00.

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- Project ID No. RMD1446019 - Parkway Tree Planting, MD 1 (As-Needed), Fiscal Year 2006-07, to plant parkway trees, vicinities of City of Industry, Diamond Bar, and Covina (1, 4, and 5), to Azteca Landscape, in amount \$96,600.00.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to obtain Board approval to award these construction and maintenance service 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 including an addendum to the contract specifications for Project ID No. RDC0014619.

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

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Service Excellence (Goal 1) and Community Services (Goal 6). Awarding these contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public and will enhance the quality of life in the affected communities.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

These actions will have no impact to the County General Fund.

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 Fiscal Year 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). 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 their 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 Department of Public Works. This allows interested contractors to view the plans and specifications at convenient locations. They 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 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.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These construction and maintenance service contracts will result in improved public works infrastructure in the communities where the work is scheduled.

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 (3)

c: County Counsel
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

AWARD OF CONTRACT
August 21, 2007

PROJECT ID NO. FMD0002057, SAN GABRIEL RIVER CLEARING 2007 (Cities of Baldwin Park, City of Industry, Irwindale, and Pico Rivera), Supervisorial District 1

TYPE OF WORK: Environmentally sensitive removal of vegetation, litter, debris, other foreign material and its disposal.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: June 5, 2007 (Agenda No. 60)

BID OPENING DATE: July 10, 2007

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Travers Tree Service, Inc., a corporation P. M. B. 7000-416 Palos Verdes Peninsula, California 90274 (310) 530-3920	\$237,974.00
2	+*J. Orozco Enterprises, Inc.	\$256,000.00
3	*Mariposa Horticultural Enterprises, Inc.	\$256,750.00
4	+ United Pacific Services, Inc	\$260,450.00
5	California Arbor Care, Inc.	\$285,000.00
6	*Natures Image, Inc.	\$285,577.13

*MWBE
+LSBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Amount of estimate	\$300,000.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$237,974.00
Amount of recommended below estimate	\$ 62,026.00

The amount of the recommended contract 21 percent below the engineer's estimate.

Sufficient funds for this project will be made available in the Flood Control District Budget for the Fiscal Year 2007-08.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES DATA:

Travers Tree Service, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractor/supplier under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On June 5, 2007, Agenda No. 60, your Board found this project categorically exempt.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The project is to be completed in 60 calendar days. It is estimated 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. RDC0014619, TRUCK IMPACTED INTERSECTION PROJECT GROUPS A & B, PHASE I (Cities of Bell, Commerce, Cudahy, Montebello, South Gate, Vernon, Lynwood, Artesia, Downey, and Long Beach), Supervisorial Districts 1, 2, and 4

TYPE OF WORK: Construction of Portland Cement Concrete intersections and medians, modification and synchronization of traffic signals, installation of striping and pavement markings, and other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 1, 2007 (Agenda No. 50)

BID OPENING DATE: May 31, 2007

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Alliance Streetworks, Inc., a corporation 1111 East Kimberly Avenue Anaheim, CA 92801 (714) 449-7000	\$5,674,435.00
2	Sequel Contractors, Inc.	\$6,075,255.55
3	Sielic Contractors Corporation	\$6,129,007.90
4	Sully Miller Contracting Company	\$6,164,706.75
5	All American Asphalt	\$6,445,000.00
6	Palp, Inc.	\$6,517,399.40
7	Griffith Company	\$7,455,876.40

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$5,118,660.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$5,674,435.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 555,775.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 11 percent above the estimate.

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

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Alliance Streetworks, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On August 19, 2003, Item No. 33, your Board found this project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines as part of the Gateway Cities Truck Impacted Intersections, Phase 1, project.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 330 calendar days. It is estimated the work will start in September 2007 and be completed in September 2008.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. RMD1446019, PARKWAY TREE PLANTING, MD 1 (AS-NEEDED),
FY 2006-07 (in the vicinities City of Industry, Diamond Bar, and Covina),
Supervisorial Districts 1, 4, and 5

TYPE OF WORK: Parkway tree planting on an as-needed basis.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: May 29, 2007 (Agenda No. 78)

BID OPENING DATE: June 26, 2007

BID SUMMARY:

Low	*Azteca Landscape, a corporation 1027 East Acacia Street Ontario, California 91761 (808) 794-0063	\$ 96,600.00
2	*+J. Orozco Enterprises, Inc.	\$112,750.00
3	*Humbert Construction, Inc.	\$122,950.00

*MWBE
+LSBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$ 99,300.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$ 96,600.00
Amount of recommended below estimate	\$ 2,700.00

The amount of the recommended contract 2.7 percent below the estimate.

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

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES DATA:

Azteca Landscape has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On May 29, 2007, Agenda No. 78, your Board found this project categorically exempt.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

This contract is for a one-year period beginning in September 2007 and ending in August 2008.

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