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June 16, 2009

IN REPLY PLEASE
REFER TO FILE **C-1**

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
VARIOUS CITIES AND UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES WITHIN THE
BALLONA CREEK AND SANTA CLARA RIVER WATERSHEDS
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 2, 3, AND 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to award public works construction contracts and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute contracts with the contractors for work in various cities and unincorporated communities within the Ballona Creek and Santa Clara River Watersheds.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to prepare the 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. FMD0001052 - Catch Basin Cleanout 2009, Santa Clara River Watershed, et al., to clean catch basins, various cities and unincorporated communities within the Santa Clara River Watershed, to Hummer Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$84,875.

- Project ID No. FMD0003109 - Catch Basin Cleanout 2009, Ballona Creek Watershed, to clean catch basins, various cities and unincorporated communities within the Ballona Creek Watershed, to Universal Concept Electric, in the amount of \$68,295.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to obtain your Board's approval to award these maintenance service contracts and authorize the Director of Public Works or her 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.

See attachments as follows for each project. 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.

- Project ID No. FMD0001052 - sheets 1A and 1B
- Project ID No. FMD0003109 - sheets 2A and 2B

The recommended maintenance service contracts are necessary to execute Board-directed and approved Department of Public Works (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 the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). 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.

These projects are included in the Los Angeles County Flood Control District Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-09.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The contract agreements will be in the form previously reviewed and approved by County Counsel. The recommended contracts were solicited on an open competitive basis and are in accordance with applicable Federal, State, and County requirements. The contractors are in compliance with the Chief Executive Officer's and your Board's requirements.

These contracts contain terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs, including but not limited to: County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the Los Angeles County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, which is defined as the firm that; (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure the contracts are awarded to the lowest responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by each respective contractor was considered before making this recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

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 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.

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

Public Works will review and approve the faithful performance and payment bonds filed by the contractors.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

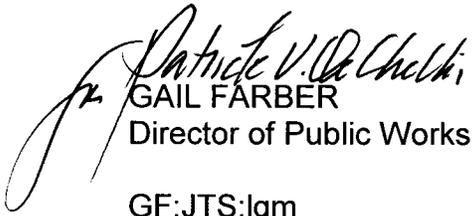
These maintenance service contracts will result in improved public works infrastructure in the communities where the work is scheduled.

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CONCLUSION

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

Respectfully submitted,


GAIL FARBER
Director of Public Works

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Attachments (2)

c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

AWARD OF CONTRACT
June 16, 2009

PROJECT ID NO. FMD0001052 - CATCH BASIN CLEANOUT 2009, SANTA CLARA RIVER WATERSHED, ET AL. (various cities and unincorporated communities within the Santa Clara River Watershed), Supervisorial Districts 3 and 5

TYPE OF WORK: Cleaning and stenciling of approximately 9,700 catch basins at various locations throughout the Santa Clara River Watershed area.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: March 31, 2009 (Agenda Item 39)

BID OPENING DATE: April 28, 2009

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Hummer Construction, Inc., a corporation 24911 Avenue Stanford, No. 210 Valencia, California 91355 (661) 295-9003	\$ 84,875.00
2	*+Ron's Maintenance	\$116,400.00
3	*J & G Maintenance Service, Inc.	\$128,525.00

*MWBE
+LSBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$155,200.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$ 84,875.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 70,325.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 45 percent below the estimate.

Sufficient funds for this project are included in the Los Angeles County Flood Control District Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-09.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

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

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On March 31, 2009, Agenda Item 39, your Board found this project categorically exempt.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

This project is to be completed in 55 working days. It is estimated the work will start in June and be completed in September 2009.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
June 16, 2009

PROJECT ID NO. FMD0003109 - CATCH BASIN CLEANOUT 2009, BALLONA CREEK WATERSHED (various cities and unincorporated communities within the Ballona Creek Watershed), Supervisorial Districts 2 and 3

TYPE OF WORK: Cleaning of approximately 8,700 catch basins at various locations throughout the Ballona Creek Watershed area.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 7, 2009 (Agenda Item 35)

BID OPENING DATE: May 5, 2009

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Jesus Granados, an individual dba Universal Concept Electric 16603 East Cypress Street Covina, California 91722 (909) 241-3351	\$ 68,295.00
2	*+Ron's Maintenance	\$ 71,775.00
3	*Trimming Land Co., Inc.	\$ 76,125.00
4	*J & G Maintenance Service, Inc.	\$ 80,475.00
5	*+Clean Environmental, Inc.	\$ 89,175.00
6	Hummer Construction, Inc.	\$ 91,350.00
7	DNR Concrete	\$113,274.00
8	*United Storm Water, Inc.	\$230,550.00

*MWBE
+LSBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$104,400.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$ 68,295.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 36,105.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 35 percent below the estimate.

Sufficient funds for this project are included in the Los Angeles County Flood Control District Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-09.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Universal Concept Electric has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On April 7, 2009, Agenda Item 35, your Board found this project categorically exempt.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

This project is to be completed in 45 working days. It is estimated the work will start in June and be completed in September 2009.

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