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May 17, 2016

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

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

37 May 17, 2016

LORI GLASGOW
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
GRAND AVENUE FROM FOOTHILL BOULEVARD
TO ROWLAND STREET/COVINA HILLS ROAD
IN THE CITIES OF COVINA AND GLENDORA AND
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF
CHARTER OAK AND WALNUT ISLANDS
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to award a construction contract to High-Light Electric, Inc., for Grand Avenue from Foothill Boulevard to Rowland Street/Covina Hills Road, and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute a construction contract for work in the Cities of Covina and Glendora and in the unincorporated communities of Charter Oak and Walnut Islands.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute a construction contract and establish the effective date following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material Bonds and insurance certificate filed by the contractor for Project ID No. TSM0010194 – Grand Avenue from Foothill Boulevard to Rowland Street/Covina Hills Road for traffic signal modifications and synchronization, in the Cities of Covina and Glendora and in the unincorporated communities of Charter Oak and Walnut Islands, to High-Light Electric, Inc., in the amount of \$1,568,000.
2. Delegate to the Director of Public Works or her designee the following authority in connection with this contract: (1) approve and execute change orders within the same monetary limits delegated to

the Director of Public Works under Section 2.18.050 of the Los Angeles County Code relative to the construction of County buildings, (2) accept the project upon its final completion, and (3) release retention money withheld consistent with the requirements of State Public Contract Code Sections 7101 and 9203.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain approval of the project from the Board to award this construction contract, authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute the construction contract, and establish the effective contract date following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material Bonds and insurance certificate filed by the contractor for this project.

On February 2, 2016, Agenda Item 19, the Board approved the project; adopted the plans and specifications; called for bids to be received on March 3, 2016; and instructed the Acting Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise the project.

The enclosure includes the project description, the call for bids and bid opening date, a tabulation of bids, and financial information. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposal are also enclosed for this project.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). Awarding this construction contract will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public and enhance the quality of life in the affected Cities and communities.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The construction contract cost of \$1,568,000 is included in the Proposition C Local Return Fund Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget.

The enclosure includes the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate, the other bids received, and more detailed fiscal and financial information.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel. The recommended contract was solicited on an open-competitive basis and is in accordance with applicable Federal, State, and County requirements. The contractor is in compliance with the Chief Executive Officer's and the Board's requirements.

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 120 working days. It is anticipated the work will start in June 2016 and be completed in November 2016.

The award of this contract will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. This contract contains terms and conditions supporting the Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County of Los Angeles' 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 County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; Local Business Enterprise Preference Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.204; 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 a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, 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 contract is awarded to a 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 the Department of Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On February 2, 2016, Agenda Item 19, the Board found this project to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The contract was solicited on an open-competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the State Public Contract Code.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on 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.

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To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, this project was listed on both the County's "Doing Business with Us" and Public Works' "Contract Opportunities" websites for upcoming bids. Public Works also coordinated with the Office of Small Business to maximize outreach.

Public Works will review and approve the Faithful Performance and payment bonds filed by the contractor.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This construction contract will result in improved infrastructure in the Cities and 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,



GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rochelle Goff)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Internal Services Department (Countywide
Contract Compliance)

AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
May 17, 2016

PROJECT ID NO. TSM0010194 – Grand Avenue from Foothill Boulevard to Rowland Street/Covina Hills Road (in the Cities of Covina and Glendora and in the unincorporated communities of Charter Oak and Walnut Islands), Supervisorial District 5.

TYPE OF WORK: Traffic signal modifications and synchronization and the performance of other incidental and appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: February 2, 2016 (Agenda Item 19)

BID OPENING DATE: March 3, 2016

BID SUMMARY:

Low	High-Light Electric, Inc. 6942 Ed Perkić Street Riverside, California 92504 (951) 352-9646	\$1,568,000.00
2	Yakar	\$1,576,806.25
3	Aldridge Electric, Inc.	\$1,597,271.50
4	Elecnor Belco Electric, Inc.	\$1,630,357.00
5	California Professional Engineering, Inc.*	\$1,693,826.50
6	DBX, Inc.	\$1,766,147.45
7	Dynalectric	\$1,917,609.00

*Local Small Business Enterprise (LSBE)

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$1,754,307.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$1,568,000.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 186,307.00

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

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The total project cost is estimated to be \$2,840,000. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes the cost of plans and specifications, consultant services, materials testing, construction engineering, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, and other County services. See the table below for the shares of the total project cost amongst the jurisdictions involved. The project cost is financed with \$2,066,000 in Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority Call for Projects, Proposition C Discretionary Grant funds for the San Gabriel Valley Traffic Signal Forum, and \$774,000 in County Proposition C Local Return funds. The Board has established a \$2,500,000 top-of-pot annual allocation from the County's Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget for the Countywide Traffic Congestion Management Program. The amount of \$774,000 is funded from this allocation. The \$2,363,000 in Highways-Through-Cities funds consists of Proposition C Discretionary Grant funds and Proposition C Local Return Funds.

Financing for the construction of this project is included in the Proposition C Local Return Fund Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget.

Jurisdiction	Project Costs	HTC Funds
County	\$ 477,000	\$ 0
Covina	\$1,114,000	\$1,114,000
Glendora	\$1,249,000	\$1,249,000
Total	\$2,840,000	\$2,363,000

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