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December 20, 2016

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

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

39 December 20, 2016

LORI GLASGOW
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
PEDESTRIAN SAFETY UPGRADE AT SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS
THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to award a construction contract to California Professional Engineering, Inc., for the Pedestrian Safety Upgrade at Signalized Intersections project and authorize the Chief Deputy Director of Public Works or his designee to execute a construction contract for work throughout the County of Los Angeles.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Award and authorize the Chief Deputy Director of Public Works or his 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. RDC0015965 – Pedestrian Safety Upgrade at Signalized Intersections for replacement of existing pedestrian signal modules with light emitting diode pedestrian countdown signal modules, to California Professional Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$712,070.
2. Delegate to the Chief Deputy Director of Public Works or his 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 7107 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 Chief Deputy Director or his 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 June 14, 2016, Agenda Item 60, the Board approved the project; adopted the plans and specifications; called for bids to be received on July 12, 2016; and instructed the 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 throughout the County of Los Angeles.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

Funding for this project is included in the Supervisorial Districts' Transportation Improvement Programs in the Road Fund Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget. See the enclosed table for funding of each Supervisorial District.

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 100 working days. It is anticipated the work will start in February 2017 and be completed in June 2017.

The award of this contract will not result in unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and 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 Board-adopted Local and Targeted Worker Hiring Policy allows exceptions, on a case by case basis, for projects with Federal or State funding prohibitions on geographic or other preferences. This project contains \$1,127,596 dollars of Federal Highway Administration funding. Federal Highway Administration policies prohibit preferences such as those contained within the Local and Targeted Worker Hiring Policy. In order to preserve the Federal funding for this project, it will be necessary to grant an exception to the Policy.

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 June 14, 2016, Agenda Item 60, 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.

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 throughout the County of Los Angeles where the work is scheduled.

CONCLUSION

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

Respectfully submitted,



MARK PESTRELLA
Chief Deputy Director

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Enclosures

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

AWARD OF CONTRACT
December 20, 2016

PROJECT ID NO. RDC0015965 – Pedestrian Safety Upgrade at Signalized Intersections (All Supervisorial Districts).

TYPE OF WORK: Replace existing pedestrian signal modules with a light emitting diode pedestrian countdown signal modules and the performance of other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: June 14, 2016 (Agenda Item 60)

BID OPENING DATE: July 12, 2016

BID SUMMARY:

Low	California Professional Engineering, Inc.*+ 929 Otterbein Avenue Unit E La Puente, California 91748 (626) 810-1338	\$712,070.00
2	VT Electric, Inc.+	\$776,080.00
3	Servitek Solutions, Inc.*+	\$789,989.20
4	Elecnor Belco Electric, Inc.	\$834,900.00

*Local Small Business Enterprises
+Disadvantaged Business Enterprise

See the enclosed table for additional utilization information.

Siemens Industry, Inc., submitted a bid of \$596,021.60. However, after a review of its bid proposal, they were found to be nonresponsive for not meeting the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise requirements. Also, its Good Faith Efforts documentation did not meet Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$834,900.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$712,070.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$122,830.00

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

This project will be administered under the Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program covered by Agreement No. 76078 with the State of California. Under this program, Federal-aid grant funds in the amount of \$952,700 will be used to finance a portion of the project cost.

Financing for this project is included in the Supervisorial Districts' Transportation Improvement Programs in the Road Fund Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget.

**PRIME CONTRACTORS' UTILIZATION INFORMATION
AWARD PEDESTRIAN SAFETY UPGRADE AT SIGNALLED INTERSECTIONS**

**SELECTED CONTRACTOR
CONTRACTOR**

		Local SBE	SBE	Minority	Women	Disadvantaged	DisabledVet
1	California Professional Engineering, Inc.	X		X		X	

**NON-SELECTED CONTRACTOR
CONTRACTOR**

		Local SBE	SBE	Minority	Women	Disadvantaged	DisabledVet
2	VT Electric, Inc.			X			
3	Servitek Solutions, Inc.	X		X		X	X
4	Elecnor Belco Electric, Inc.						

**PROJECT ID NO. RDC0015965
 JURISDICTIONAL SHARES OF THE PROJECT COST**

PROJECT FUNDING			
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT	Jurisdictional Share	Grant Funds	Local Share
Supervisory District 1	\$267,000	\$250,000	\$17,000
Supervisory District 2	\$222,000	\$207,000	\$15,000
Supervisory District 3	\$2,000	\$1,700	\$300
Supervisory District 4	\$199,000	\$186,000	\$13,000
Supervisory District 5	\$330,000	\$308,000	\$22,000
TOTAL	\$1,020,000	\$952,700	\$67,300

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