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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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CELIA ZAVALA
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

October 02, 2018

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

Dear Supervisors:

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
WATER RESOURCES CORE SERVICE AREA
REJECT ALL BIDS AND
ADOPT, RE-ADVERTISE, AND AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
AVENUE K TRANSMISSION MAIN PHASE IV
20TH STREET EAST TO 30TH STREET EAST
PROJECT ID NO. WWD4004013
IN THE CITY OF LANCASTER
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to reject all bids received on July 10, 2018, re-advertise, and authorize Public Works to award a construction contract for the Avenue K Transmission Main Phase IV 20th Street East to 30th Street East project in the City of Lancaster.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40, ANTELOPE VALLEY:

1. Reject all bids received on July 10, 2018, for Project ID No. WWD4004013, Avenue K Transmission Main Phase IV 20th Street East to 30th Street East project.
2. Find that the scope of the project has not materially changed since the Board previously adopted the Addendum to the Negative Declaration on June 12, 2018.
3. Adopt the revised plans and specifications that are on file in Construction Division of the Department of Public Works for Project ID No. WWD4004013, Avenue K Transmission Main Phase

BIDS: October 23, 2018 11:00 a.m.

IV 20th Street East to 30th Street East project, at an estimated construction contract cost between \$3,000,000 and \$3,900,000.

4. Instruct the Acting Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to re-advertise for bids in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement, to be received before 11 a.m. on October 23, 2018, and the Notice Inviting Bids.
5. Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to determine whether the bid of the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest apparent responsive bid is, in fact, responsive and, if not responsive, to determine which apparent responsible contractor, if any, submitted the lowest responsive bid.
6. Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to award and execute a construction contract for construction of 5,350 feet of water main with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within the estimated cost range of \$3,000,000 and \$3,900,000.
7. Delegate to the Director of Public Works or his designee the following authority in connection with this contract: (1) extend the date and time for the receipt of bids consistent with the requirements of State Public Contract Code, Section 4104.5; (2) allow substitution of subcontractors and relief of bidders upon demonstration of the grounds set forth in State Public Contract Code, Sections 4100 et seq. and 5100 et seq., respectively; (3) 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; (4) accept the project upon its final completion; and (5) 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 reject all bids received on July 10, 2018, and to re-advertise the Avenue K Transmission Main Phase IV 20th Street East to 30th Street East project.

The Avenue K Transmission Main Phase IV 20th Street East to 30th Street East project includes constructing approximately 5,350 linear feet of a 24-inch diameter steel transmission main along Avenue K between 20th Street East and 30th Street East and other appurtenant work in the City of Lancaster. The project also includes connection to an existing 12-inch distribution main within the project's limits. The transmission main will improve water service reliability in the region by reducing pressure fluctuations.

On June 12, 2018, the Board approved the project, adopted the plans and specifications, and authorized advertising the project for construction bids. On July 10, 2018, seven bids were received. Two bidders were found to be nonresponsive for failing to submit the required Bidder Responsibility Questionnaire. Of the five bidders who submitted the Questionnaire, all five failed to meet the requirements in the Questionnaire for having previously performed three projects of comparable scope to the proposed project. Public Works has made minor revisions to the plans and specifications and the Bidder Responsibility Questionnaire to address previous pre-bid questions and to better allow qualified contractors to meet the criteria to bid on the project. It is anticipated the work will start in March 2019 and be completed in October 2019.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The County Strategic Plan directs the provision of Strategy III.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability, Objective III.3.2, Manage and Maximize County Assets. The recommended action supports ongoing efforts to manage and improve public infrastructure assets.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction cost to complete this project is in the range of \$3,000,000 to \$3,900,000. The total project cost is estimated to be \$5,100,000. In addition to the construction cost, the total project cost includes the costs of preparation of plans and specifications, materials testing and reporting, survey, traffic control, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, and other County services.

Funding for this project is included in the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley, Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund (N64) Fiscal Year 2018-19 recommended Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This project will be advertised in accordance with Section 20602 of the State Public Contract Code.

The contract award will comply with applicable Federal and State requirements and Board policies and mandates. The contract documents will require the contractor to comply with these same requirements, policies, and mandates. The construction contract will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

As required by Board Policy No. 5.140, information such as defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor violations, and debarment actions will be considered before a contract is awarded.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On July 29, 2008, the Board approved the Negative Declaration for the Avenue K Transmission Main project, Phases I through IV. The Negative Declaration found that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment in accordance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act. On June 12, 2018, the Board adopted the Addendum to the Negative Declaration prepared in accordance with Sections 15162 and 15164(b) of the Guidelines for California Environmental Quality Act. On June 18, 2018, Public Works filed a Notice of Determination for the revisions to the Negative Declaration with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk in accordance with Section 21152(a) of the California Public Resources Code.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

In accordance with the Board's consolidated Local and Targeted Worker Hire Policy, the contract documents will require that at least 30 percent of the total California craft worker hours for construction of the project be performed by Local Residents and at least 10 percent be performed by Targeted Workers facing employment barriers.

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on both the County's "Doing Business with the County" and "Public Works' Business Opportunities" websites for open bids:

<http://www.lacounty.gov/business/doing-business-with-the-county>

<http://dpw.lacounty.gov/general/contracts/opportunities>

Also, the contract solicitation will be advertised through web-based and social media platforms, including Twitter.

In addition, in order to increase opportunities for small businesses, Public Works will be coordinating with the Office of Small Business at the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs to maximize outreach, as well as offering preferences to Local Small Business Enterprises in compliance with Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.204.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by improving water service reliability in the region by reducing pressure fluctuations.

CONCLUSION

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

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

10/2/2018

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Pestrella". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Pestrella".

MARK PESTRELLA

Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Chia-Ann Yen)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Internal Services Department (Countywide
Contract Compliance)