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DAVID E. JANSSEN
Chief Executive Officer

July 31, 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 FOR PARKWAY
TREE TRIMMING AND PLANTING
IN MONTEREY PARK, SANTA FE SPRINGS, COMPTON, DOWNEY, AND WHITTIER
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, AND 4)
(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. RMD4146013 - Parkway Tree Trimming, RD 146/446, FY 2006/07, vicinities of Santa Fe Springs and Whittier (1 and 4), to Trimming Land Company, Inc., in amount of \$129,381.00.
- Project ID No. RMD4146014 - Parkway Tree Trimming, RD 142, FY 2006-07, vicinity of Monterey Park (1), to Orozco Landscape and Tree Co., in amount of \$71,030.00.
- Project ID No. RMD4446007 - Parkway Tree Planting, MD 4 (As-Needed) FY 2006-07, vicinities of Santa Fe Springs, Compton, and Downey (1, 2, and 4), to Azteca Landscape, in amount of \$106,230.00.

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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.

The recommended construction and maintenance service contracts are necessary to execute Board-directed and approved 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 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 (MWBES) on Federal- and State-funded highway

construction contracts. Companies meeting these requirements are certified by the State as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs). An overall goal for subcontracting portions of the work to DBEs is established for each project. 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 our 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. We 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.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

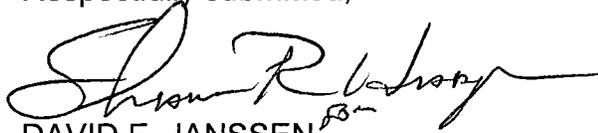
These construction and maintenance services contracts will result in improved public works infrastructure in the communities where the work is scheduled. Where appropriate, local residents and businesses will be informed that traffic and local access may be mildly disrupted during the construction. The proposed schedules for construction are included in the attachment for each project.

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CONCLUSION

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David E. Janssen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

DAVID E. JANSSEN
Chief Executive Officer

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Attachments (3)

c: County Counsel
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance
Department of Public Works (Construction)

AWARD OF CONTRACT
July 31, 2007

PROJECT ID NO. RMD4146013, PARKWAY TREE TRIMMING, RD 146/446,
FY 2006/07 (in the vicinities of Santa Fe Springs and Whittier),
Supervisorial Districts 1 and 4

TYPE OF WORK: Trimming and removal of parkway trees.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: May 1, 2007 (Agenda No. 66)

BID OPENING DATE: May 29, 2007

BID SUMMARY:

Low	*Trimming Land Company, Inc. 10513 Dolores Avenue South Gate, California 90280 (323) 569-4498	\$129,381.00
2	+*Grace Building Maintenance Company	\$148,045.00
3	TruGreen LandCare, a california general partnership	\$155,221.00
4	*George Salinas Tree Preservation	\$159,390.00
5	H. Tree & Landscaping Company, Inc.	\$163,335.00
6	West Coast Arborists	\$220,330.00

*MWBE
+LSBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$157,120.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$129,381.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 27,739.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 18 percent below the engineer's estimate.

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

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Trimming Land Company, Inc., an MWBE, has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (j), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 40 working days. It is estimated the work will start in September and be completed in October 2007.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
July 31, 2007

PROJECT ID NO. RMD4146014, PARKWAY TREE TRIMMING, RD 142, FY 2006-07
(in the vicinity of Monterey Park), Supervisorial District 1

TYPE OF WORK: Trimming and removal of parkway trees.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 17, 2007 (Agenda No. 61)

BID OPENING DATE: May 15, 2007

BID SUMMARY:

Low	* J. Orozco Enterprises, Inc., a corporation dba Orozco Landscape and Tree Co. P.O. Box 1140 Glendora, California 91740 (909) 623-8287	\$ 71,030.00
2	* Treesmith Enterprises, Inc.	\$ 79,555.00
3	* George Salinas Tree Preservation, sole proprietorship	\$ 85,228.00
4	* H. Tree and Landscaping Co., Inc.	\$ 91,425.00
5	+ * Grace Building Maintenance Co., Inc.	\$ 92,740.00
6	* Trimming Land Co., Inc.	\$ 95,335.00
7	Travers Tree Service, Inc.	\$106,110.00
8	TruGreen LandCare, a general partnership	\$111,954.00
9	West Coast Arborists, Inc.	\$126,320.00
10	* Mariposa Horticultural Enterprises, Inc.	\$142,520.00
	+LSBE	
	*MWBE	

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$ 92,245.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$ 71,030.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 21,215.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 23 percent below the estimate.

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

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Orozco Landscape and Tree Co., an MWBE, has no DBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (j), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 30 working days. It is estimated the work will start in September and be completed in October 2007.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
July 31, 2007

PROJECT ID NO. RMD4446007, PARKWAY TREE PLANTING, MD 4 (AS-NEEDED),
FY 2006-07 (in the vicinities of Santa Fe Springs, Compton, and Downey),
Supervisorial Districts 1, 2, and 4

TYPE OF WORK: Planting of parkway trees on an as-needed basis

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 17, 2007 (Agenda No. 61)

BID OPENING DATE: May 15, 2007

BID SUMMARY:

Successful Bidder

*Azteca Landscape, a corporation 1027 East Acacia Street Ontario, California 91761 (909) 673-0889	\$106,230.00
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*MWBE

FS Construction submitted a bid in the amount of \$121,000.00; however, their bid failed to include all of the required documents. Therefore, their bid was considered nonresponsive and rejected as provided in the Instructions to Bidders.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$ 99,900.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$106,230.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 6,330.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 6.3 percent above the engineer's estimate.

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

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

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

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (x)(9), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The project is to be completed in 365 working days. It is estimated the work will start in August 2007 and be completed in July 2008.

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