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September 2, 2008

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
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1 AND 2)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to award public works construction contracts and authorize the Acting Director of Public Works or his designee to execute contracts with the contractors for work involving river cleaning and landscaping in the Cities of Baldwin Park, Industry, and Irwindale and in the unincorporated communities of Avocado Heights, Bassett, and Ladera Heights.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Award and authorize the Acting 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. FMD0003103 - San Gabriel River Clearing 2008, to remove vegetation, litter, and debris and dispose of foreign material, Cities of Baldwin Park, Industry, and Irwindale and in the unincorporated communities of Avocado Heights and Bassett (1), to Marina Landscape, Inc., in amount of \$137,800.00.

- Project ID No. RDC0015007/C.P. No. 87008 - Slauson Avenue Phase II, to construct landscaping, an irrigation system, and rock veneer, in the unincorporated community of Ladera Heights (2), to C. S. Legacy Construction, Inc., in amount of \$698,729.00.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to obtain your Board's approval to award these construction and maintenance service contracts and authorize the Acting 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.

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 including addenda to the contract specifications for Project ID No. RDC0015007/C.P. 87008.

- Project ID No. FMD0003103 - sheets 1A and 1B
- Project ID No. RDC0015007/C.P. No. 87008 - sheets 2A and 2B

The recommended construction and 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 provision of 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.

Sufficient funds for Project ID No. FMD0003103 are included in the Flood Control District Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-09.

Sufficient funds for Project ID No. RDC0015007/C.P. No. 87008 are included in the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Capital Projects/Refurbishments Budget.

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; and 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)

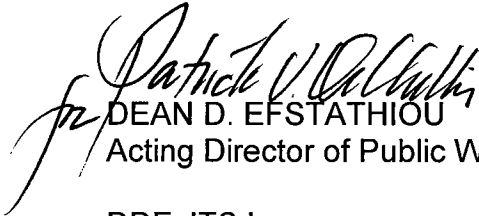
These construction and maintenance service contracts will result in improved public works infrastructure in the communities where the work is scheduled.

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CONCLUSION

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

Respectfully submitted,


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Acting Director of Public Works

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Attachments (2)

c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

AWARD OF CONTRACT
September 2, 2008

PROJECT ID NO. FMD0003103 - SAN GABRIEL RIVER CLEARING 2008 (Cities of Baldwin Park, Industry, and Irwindale and in the unincorporated communities of Avocado Heights and Bassett), Supervisorial District 1

TYPE OF WORK: The environmentally sensitive removal of vegetation, litter, debris, and other foreign material and its disposal.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: June 4, 2008 (Agenda Item 48)

BID OPENING DATE: July 8, 2008

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Marina Landscape, Inc., a corporation 1900 South Lewis Street Anaheim, California 92805 (714) 939-6600	\$137,800.00
2	*Natures Image, Inc.	\$192,307.39
3	*Nakae & Associates, Inc.	\$207,050.00
4	*+Orozco Landscape and Tree Co.	\$224,000.00
5	*+Grace Building Maintenance Company	\$230,000.00
6	Travers Tree Service, Inc.	\$231,974.00
7	California Arbor Care, Inc.	\$235,000.00
8	*Mariposa Horticultural Enterprises, Inc.	\$238,700.00
9	+United Pacific Services, Inc.	\$241,000.00
10	Andre Landscape Service, Inc.	\$248,645.00
11	Oakridge Landscape, Inc.	\$275,524.00

*MWBE
+LSBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$325,000.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$137,800.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$187,200.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 58 percent below the estimate.

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

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Marina Landscape, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENT IMPACT:

On June 4, 2008, Agenda Item 48, your Board found this project categorically exempt.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 60 working days. It is estimated the work will start in October and be completed in December 2008.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
September 2, 2008

PROJECT ID NO. RDC0015007/C.P. NO. 87008 - SLAUSON AVENUE PHASE II (in the unincorporated community of Ladera Heights), Supervisorial District 2

TYPE OF WORK: Construction of landscaping, an irrigation system, and rock veneer and the performance of other appurtenant work

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: June 10, 2008 (Agenda Item 47)

BID OPENING DATE: July 15, 2008

BID SUMMARY:

Low	C. S. Legacy Construction, Inc., a corporation 13263 Yorba Avenue Chino, California 91710 (909) 590-2626	\$ 698,729.00
2	Bannaoun Engineers Constructor Corp.	\$ 705,416.50
3	America West Landscape, Inc.	\$ 710,329.66
4	S.H.E. Engineering & Construction Group, Inc.	\$ 748,000.00
5	+*Grace Building Maintenance Co., Inc.	\$ 750,987.20
6	Marina Landscape, Inc.	\$ 754,047.50
7	Park West Landscape, Inc.	\$ 776,839.00
8	*Mariposa Horticultural Enterprise, Inc.	\$ 823,536.76
9	Sully-Miller Contracting Company	\$ 843,359.80
10	Advanced Construction	\$ 911,966.00
11	Griffith Company	\$ 967,916.00
12	Valleycrest Landscape Development, Inc.	\$ 968,910.00
13	Damon Construction Co.	\$1,142,828.20

*MWBE

+LSBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$938,132.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$698,729.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$239,403.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 26 percent below the estimate.

Sufficient funds for this project are included in the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Capital Projects/Refurbishments Budget under C.P. No. 87008.

MINORITY/ WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

C. S. Legacy Construction, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On June 10, 2008, Agenda Item 47, your Board found this project categorically exempt.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 60 working days. It is estimated the work will start in November 2008 and be completed in February 2009.

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