March 17, 2009

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
CITIES OF DOWNEY, LA MIRADA, LAWNDALE, NORWALK,
REDONDO BEACH, SANTA FE SPRINGS, SOUTH GATE, AND
TORRANCE AND THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF
EAST LOS ANGELES AND MALIBU BOWL
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, 3, AND 4)
(3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

This action is to award public works construction contracts and authorize the Director of Public Works to execute contracts with the contractors for work in the Cities of Downey, La Mirada, Lawndale, Norwalk, Redondo Beach, Santa Fe Springs, South Gate, and Torrance and the unincorporated communities of East Los Angeles and Malibu Bowl.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or her 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. RDC0013022 - I-105 Corridor Intelligent Transportation Systems Project, to modify and synchronize traffic signals, install fiber optic equipment, and install closed-circuit television cameras, Cities of Santa Fe Springs, South Gate, Downey, La Mirada, and Norwalk, to TDS Engineering, in amount of $1,274,589.00.
• Project ID No. RDC0014814 - Latigo Canyon Road at Mile Marker 7.76, to construct a retaining wall and reconstruct roadway pavement, in the unincorporated community of Malibu Bowl, to R.C.C., in amount of $308,000.00.

• Project ID No. SMDAC00115 - Dozier Street, et al., Sanitary Sewers, to rehabilitate sanitary sewers, in the unincorporated community of East Los Angeles, to Repipe-California, Inc., in amount of $521,296.25.

• Project ID No. TSM0010171 - City of Torrance Intelligent Transportation Systems Project, to synchronize traffic signals, Cities of Lawndale, Redondo Beach, and Torrance, to MSL Electric, Inc., in amount of $498,309.00.

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 Director of Public Works or her 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 Nos. RDC0013022, RDC0014814, and TSM0010171.

• Project ID No. RDC0013022 - sheets 1A and 1B
• Project ID No. RDC0014814 - sheets 2A and 2B
• Project ID No. SMDAC00115 - sheets 3A and 3B
• Project ID No. TSM0010171 - sheets 4A and 4B

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 Nos. RDC0013022 and TSM0010171 are included in the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget.

Sufficient funds for Project ID No. RDC0014814 are included in the Third Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Road Fund Budget.

Sufficient funds for Project ID No. SMDAC00115 are included in the Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund in the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District 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 or statutorily 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.

**CONCLUSION**

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

Respectfully submitted,

GAIL FARBER  
Director of Public Works

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Attachments (4)

c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)  
County Counsel  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance
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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0013022 - I-105 CORRIDOR INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS PROJECT (Cities of Santa Fe Springs, South Gate, Downey, La Mirada, and Norwalk), Supervisorial Districts 1 and 4

TYPE OF WORK: Modification and synchronization of traffic signals in the Cities of Santa Fe Springs, South Gate, Downey, La Mirada, and Norwalk.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: December 9, 2008 (Agenda Item 23)

BID OPENING DATE: January 6, 2009

BID SUMMARY:

Low TDS Engineering, a corporation
1014 South Westlake Boulevard, Suite 14-136
Westlake Village, California 91361
(805) 371-4639
$1,274,589.00

2 *Pro Tech Engineering Corporation
$1,298,496.40

3 Manuel Bros, Inc.
$1,424,299.00

4 Moore Electrical Contracting, Inc.
$1,492,321.00

5 MSL Electric, Inc.
$1,599,758.00

6 *C. T. & F., Inc.
$1,618,321.01

7 *Steiny and Company, Inc.
$1,655,364.25

8 KDC, Inc.
$1,719,891.00

9 *California Professional Engineering, Inc.
$2,060,821.38

10 CSI Electrical Contractors, Inc.
$2,194,752.00

11 Comet Electric, Inc.
$2,323,500.00

12 Beador Construction Company, Inc.
$2,653,700.00

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Terno, Inc., submitted a bid of $1,539,697.00; however, they did not use the amended Schedule of Prices that was sent with Addendum No. 1. Therefore, their bid was considered nonresponsive and rejected as provided in the Instructions to Bidders.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate $2,266,896.80
Amount of recommended contract $1,274,589.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate $ 992,307.80
The amount of the recommended contract is 44 percent below the estimate.

This project is financed with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Authority 1995 Call for Projects, Proposition C Discretionary Grant Funds for the Gateway Cities Traffic Signal Forum Improvement Project, and County matching funds. This project will be done at no cost to the cities involved. Sufficient funds for this project are included in the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

TDS Engineering has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On December 9, 2008, Agenda Item 23, your Board found this project categorically exempt.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 180 working days. It is estimated the work will start in May 2009 and be completed in January 2010.

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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014814 - LATIGO CANYON ROAD AT MILE MARKER 7.76 (in the unincorporated community of Malibu Bowl), Supervisorial District 3

TYPE OF WORK: Construction of a retaining wall, reconstruction of existing roadway pavement damaged during the 2005 storms, and the performance of other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: December 16, 2008 (Agenda Item 42)

BID OPENING DATE: January 13, 2009

BID SUMMARY:

Low + Remedial Civil Constructors, a corporation dba R.C.C. $308,000.00
3823 Ocean View Boulevard
Montrose, California 91020
(818) 952-6752

2 Pacific Coast Infrastructure, Inc. $317,901.80
3 John S. Meek Company, Inc. $347,454.50
4 Summer Construction, Inc. $369,725.00
5 Y & M Construction, Inc. $399,655.00
6 Peterson-Chase General Engineering Construction, Inc. $414,702.00
7 Southland Construction, Inc. $418,610.00

The apparent low bidder, Pioneer Development & Construction, Inc., submitted a bid of $272,114.00; however, they did not submit the required Bid Bond or Cashiers check with their bid. In accordance with the Instructions to Bidders, their bid was considered nonresponsive.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate $388,570.00
Amount of recommended contract $308,000.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate $ 80,570.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 20.7 percent below the estimate.
This project is necessary as a result of damage caused by the rainstorms of January and February 2005. We are seeking reimbursement for the project cost under Federal and State disaster assistance programs. Funding for this project is included in the Third Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

R.C.C. has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On December 16, 2008, Agenda Item 42, your Board found this project statutorily exempt.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 40 working days. It is estimated the work will start in May and be completed in July 2009.
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PROJECT ID NO. SMDAC0115 - DOZIER STREET, ET AL., SANITARY SEWERS (in the unincorporated community of East Los Angeles), Supervisorial District 1

TYPE OF WORK: Cleaning, video inspection, lining of approximately 23,461 linear feet of existing 8-inch sanitary sewers, and the performance of other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: December 9, 2008 (Agenda Item 23)

BID OPENING DATE: January 6, 2009

BID SUMMARY:

Low  Repipe-California, Inc., a corporation  $521,296.25  
5525 East Gibraltar Street  
Ontario, California 91764  
(909) 291-4050

2  Southwest Pipeline and Trenchless Corp.  $638,862.00
3  S A K Construction of CA, LP  $755,487.95

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate  $821,778.00
Amount of recommended contract  $521,296.25
Amount of recommended contract below estimate  $300,481.75

The amount of the recommended contract is 37 percent below the estimate.

Sufficient funds for this project are included in the Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund in the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Repipe-California, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On December 9, 2008, Agenda Item 23, your Board found this project categorically exempt.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 80 working days. It is estimated the work will start in April and be completed in August 2009.

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PROJECT ID NO. TSM0010171 - CITY OF TORRANCE ITS PROJECT (Cities of Lawndale, Redondo Beach, and Torrance), Supervisorial Districts 2 and 4

TYPE OF WORK: Synchronization of traffic signals in the Cities of Lawndale, Redondo Beach, and Torrance.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: November 18, 2008 (Agenda Item 50)

BID OPENING DATE: December 23, 2008

BID SUMMARY:

Low  MSL Electric, Inc., a corporation
     4580 East Eisenhower Circle
     Anaheim, California 92807
     (714) 693-4837
     $ 498,309.00

2  *C. T. & F., Inc.               $ 517,351.00
3  *Pro Tech Engineering Corporation $ 526,904.00
4  *Christopher R. Morales, Inc.  $ 549,565.00
5  *Steiny and Company, Inc.      $ 631,793.00
6  CSI Electrical Contractors, Inc. $ 639,048.00
7  Manuel Bros., Inc.              $ 681,937.00
8  Moore Electrical Contracting, Inc. $ 686,021.00
9  Terno, Inc.                     $ 699,312.00
10 *Freeway Electric               $ 756,217.00
11 *California Professional Engineering, Inc. $ 962,016.00
12 KDC, Inc.                       $1,010,508.00
13 Comet Electric, Inc.            $1,078,015.00
14 +*MMC, Inc.                     $1,575,111.63

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate $1,072,958.00
Amount of recommended contract $ 498,309.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate $ 574,649.00
The amount of the recommended contract is 54 percent below the estimate.

This project is financed with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority 1995 Call for Projects, Proposition C Discretionary Grant Funds for the South Bay Traffic Signal Forum Improvement Projects, and County matching funds. This project will be done at no cost to the cities involved. Sufficient funds for this project are included in the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

MSL Electric, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On November 18, 2008, Agenda Item 50, your Board found this project categorically exempt.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 80 working days. It is estimated the work will start in April and be completed in July 2009.

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