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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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

33 March 8, 2011

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

REJECT BIDS
AIRCRAFT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
WHITEMAN AIRPORT - AIRCRAFT PARKING RAMP
IN THE PACOIMA AREA OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3)
(3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

This action is to reject all bids for Whiteman Airport - Aircraft Parking Ramp for the reconstruction of an aircraft parking ramp at Whiteman Airport, in the Pacoima area of the City of Los Angeles.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Reject all bids received on May 4, 2010, for Project ID No. APT5067928, Whiteman Airport - Aircraft Parking Ramp, for the reconstruction of an aircraft parking ramp at Whiteman Airport, in the Pacoima area of the City of Los Angeles.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On March 30, 2010, Agenda Item 52, your Board approved the project, adopted the plans and specifications, called for bids to be received on May 4, 2010, instructed the Executive Officer of your Board to advertise the project, and authorized the Director of Public Works to award and execute a consultant services agreement with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid to prepare a baseline construction schedule and storm water pollution prevention plan for a \$13,000 not-to-exceed fee.

On May 26, 2010, a consultant services agreement to prepare a baseline construction schedule and

a storm water pollution prevention plan was executed with AH Engineering Construction, Inc., the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid.

Work for the schedule component of the consultant services agreement was never fully completed delaying the award of this project months beyond the bid opening date of May 4, 2010. The contract documents require bidders to hold their bid prices up to 90 calendar days from bid opening. After 90 calendar days, the bidder may be relieved from its bid without penalty. On December 29, 2010, AH Engineering Construction, Inc., informed the Department of Public Works (Public Works) that prices for subcontractors and suppliers have risen, and it is unwilling to accept award of this project at its bid amount.

Since the work for the consultant services agreement was not fully completed and the low bidder can no longer perform the work at the bid amount, we believe rejecting all bids at this time is in the best interest of the County of Los Angeles (County). At a future date, we will request the approval of your Board to readvertise the project.

AH Engineering Construction, Inc., will be compensated for the portions of work completed under the consultant services agreement not to exceed \$13,000.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). The recommended action will allow Public Works to reschedule this airport improvement project.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The cost to readvertise the project will be minimal.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The contract documents provide for the rejection of all bids by your Board if such action is in the best interest of the County.

A certified record of receipt of the bids and the original bid proposal as submitted by the lowest bidder are on file with Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On April 29, 2004, Agenda Item 53, your Board found this project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Delaying the project will not impact Public Works' airport operations at Whiteman Airport.

CONCLUSION

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER
Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
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Office of Affirmative Action Compliance