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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
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CORE SERVICE AREA
LOS ANGELES GENERAL MEDICAL CENTER
NURSE CALL SYSTEM REPLACEMENT PROJECT
AWARD CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENTS
FISCAL YEAR 2025-26
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)
(3-VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to award and execute consultant services agreements for the proposed Los Angeles General Medical Center Nurse Call System Replacement Project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the recommended actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and in the record of the proposed activities.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute consultant services agreements for the stipend amount of \$80,000 each with the two proposers that met the eligibility criteria in the Request for Proposals for the proposed Los Angeles General Medical Center Nurse Call Replacement Project, The PENTA Building Group, LLC, and Kemp Bros. Construction, Inc., enabling the County to use all design and construction ideas and concepts included in their proposals.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions will allow Public Works to execute consultant services agreements to pay stipends for the proposed Los Angeles General Nurse Call System Replacement Project Design-Build (D-B) solicitation.

Background

The existing nurse call system at the Los Angeles General Medical Center has reached the end of its useful service life and replacement parts have become difficult to obtain and at times no longer available to make repairs to the system when necessary. The system also requires replacement to become compliant with current code and accreditation requirements of The Joint Commission. To address the aging nurse call system, the Los Angeles General Nurse Call System Replacement Project was envisioned to include the installation of a new nurse call and code blue system, including new infrastructure cabling to all patient beds and nurse stations. The new system would also provide advanced communications, integrated reporting, and allow each nursing station to customize the system in their area to provide the features and functions that will best serve staff and patient needs.

Design-Build Solicitation

The scoping documents were prepared by a Board-approved, on-call architectural/engineering firm. Public Works issued a request for proposals for D-B services to complete the design and construction of the project. Two proposals were received by qualified proposers on June 28, 2023; however, the proposed project was placed on hold after the solicitation process was completed because the proposals exceeded the project funding available. Since the proposers submitted qualifying and responsive proposals, they are eligible to be awarded the stipend amount of \$80,000 each.

The project work scope that was proposed included the use of Hillrom equipment as a sole-sourced nurse call manufacturer for the nurse call replacement system. In an effort to create more favorable market conditions, the project is being reexamined to find cost efficiencies by removing the sole sourcing of the nurse call system equipment and minimizing work space phasing throughout the hospital among other changes, to allow for a more competitive proposal process in a potential future solicitation.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The Department of Health Services (DHS) has already paid \$842,000 for preliminary assessment and scoping document fees. Approval of the recommended actions will allow them to pay the stipend in a combined total amount of \$160,000 through the DHS operating budget. Funding is included in their Fiscal Year 2025-26 Final Budget. There is no net County cost impact associated with the recommended actions.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

N/A

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The recommended actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because they are activities that are excluded from the definition of a project by Section 21065 of the California Public Resources Code and Section 15378 (b) of the State CEQA Guidelines. The proposed actions to award consultant services agreements are administrative activities of government, which will not result in direct or indirect physical change to the environment. Appropriate findings under CEQA will be recommended if a project is proposed in the future.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The D-B procurement for the proposed project was conducted in accordance with the D-B policy adopted by the Board on June 4, 2016.

On January 31, 2023, Public Works issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for D-B services. The first phase of the RFP process was the submittal of a Prequalification Questionnaire (Part A) by all interested D-B firms. On March 15, 2023, two were received for evaluation. They were reviewed by an evaluation committee made up of members from Chief Executive Office, DHS, and Public Works. Based on the review and evaluation of the prequalification questionnaires, both firms were determined to be qualified. In accordance with the shortlisting requirements in the RFP, the two firms were shortlisted and invited to submit technical and Cost Proposals (Part B) for the project.

On June 28, 2023, two shortlisted D-B firms submitted technical and cost proposals for evaluation. The technical and cost proposals were evaluated by the evaluation committee members based on technical design and construction expertise, proposed delivery plans, schedule, price, life cycle costs, Community Workforce Agreement Compliance, Local and Targeted Worker Hiring Program, design excellence, and D-B team personnel and organization. Both technical proposals met the intent, program, and base Scope of Work as defined in the final scoping documents, and the evaluations were completed without regard to race, creed, color, or gender. Due to the reasons stated earlier, the D-B solicitation was concluded without a recommendation for award of a D-B agreement.

Both proposers obtained a score of at least 65 percent of the total available points for the technical proposal of the Part B Proposal, thus are eligible for a stipend. In accordance with the County's D-B policy, PENTA and Kemp Bros., may be provided with an \$80,000 stipend each in exchange for their efforts expended on the proposal and the benefit received by the County from their submittal.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

N/A

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to Public Works, Project Management Division I.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Pestrella". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" and last name "Pestrella" clearly distinguishable.

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