



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: May 5, 2015
Item Number: D-11
To: Honorable Mayor & City Council
From: Alan Schneider, Director of Project Administration
Subject: REJECTION OF BIDS FOR CONTRACT WORK PERTAINING TO THE BEVERLY CANON GARDENS STAIR AND WALKWAY RENOVATION PROJECT
Attachments: None

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council move to reject the bids (listed below) for contract work pertaining to the Beverly Canon Gardens Stair and Walkway Renovation Project, located at 221 N. Canon Drive.

INTRODUCTION

The proposed project consists of the addition of an exterior stair and widening of an existing walkway at Beverly Canon Gardens. The scope of work generally includes selective demolition, construction of a stone-cladded stair to resemble the existing stairs onto the gardens, and widening an existing stone paver walkway across the garden. The project construction documents were prepared by RTK Architects implementing the design provided by Nancy Goslee Power.

Due to various irregularities and the limited number of bids received, staff is requesting that all bids be rejected and the project be rebid. It is anticipated that the new bid proposals will be brought before the Council for award in July 2015.

DISCUSSION

The proposed project was conceived utilizing the construction management multi-prime delivery method of construction. Four bid packages were prepared as follows:

- Bid Package "A": Landscape & Irrigation
- Bid Package "B": Cast-In-Place Concrete, Ornamental Metals, Waterproofing & Drainage
- Bid Package "C": Stonework
- Bid Package "D": Electrical Work

The City sought to obtain bids from experienced building contractors for the construction. A prequalification procedure was utilized following the State guidelines. Among the items that the procedure required was construction experience in several recent, local, and similar completed projects. The process was advertised in the construction trade publications and the construction documents were posted on the City's website.

Twenty-one firms received prequalification packages. After examination of the submissions and through an objective scoring system staff prequalified ten firms.

On April 14, 2015, bids were received for the four bid packages as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid "A"</u>	<u>Bid "B"</u>	<u>Bid "C"</u>	<u>Bid "D"</u>
Landscape Support Services	\$22,400			
Valleycrest Landscaping	\$5,180			
EBS General Engineering	\$10,500			
EBS General Engineering		\$59,300		
Jay Colavin & Son			\$15,000	
EBS General Engineering			\$28,500	
Berg Electric Corporation				\$95/hour
EBS General Engineering				\$325/hour

Upon receipt of the bids staff recognized that the wide variance among the bids for the bid packages with multiple bids indicates that the scope of work of those bid packages may have not been clear to the bidders. Furthermore, the receipt of only one bid for the Bid Package "B" is a concern in order to evaluate the amount of that bid. Consequently staff recommends that the City Council reject all bids and authorize the project for re-bidding.

Staff would re-examine the construction documents and clarify the scope of work before re-bidding the project under the Informal Bid process specified in the Public Contract Code for general contractors. It is anticipated that a recommendation for an award of contract would then be submitted for the City Council's approval in July 2015.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for this contract work has been budgeted from the fiscal year 2014-15 Capital Improvement Program budget for Streetscape, project #0402.

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Approved By