



STAFF REPORT

AGENDA NO: 8c

MEETING DATE: April 15, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

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From: Syed Murtuza, Director of Public Works – (650) 558-7230

Subject: Adoption of a Resolution Awarding a Construction Contract to P.C. Inc., for the Police Station Emergency Generator Project, City Project No. 84640, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Construction Contract

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached resolution awarding a construction contract to P.C. Inc., for the Police Station Emergency Generator Project in the amount of \$178,500 and authorizing the City Manager to execute the construction contract.

BACKGROUND

The City Council has authorized funds for removal and replacement of the standby emergency generator at the Police Department. The standby generator is outdated and no longer meets current air quality standards. The new generator was sized by an electrical engineer at 80 kilowatts (KW), which is smaller than the existing generator at 125 KW. The new generator with a 74 gallon belly tank has sufficient power to supply the essential needs of the Police Station and can fit within the footprint of the existing generator building. In addition, the automatic transfer switch (ATS), which automatically transfers power to generator power in the event of a PG&E power outage, will be replaced.

The new generator with a belly tank will fit within the footprint of the existing building and allow the existing 4,000 gallon underground storage tank (UST) to be removed as required by San Mateo County in compliance with regulations. Staff is in the process of issuing a separate construction contract for removing the existing 4,000 gallon underground diesel tank, and the 12,000 gallon underground gasoline tank.

DISCUSSION

The project was advertised for bids on February 19, 2019, and the sealed bids were opened on March 14, 2019. The City received five bids ranging from \$178,500 to \$207,387. P.C. Inc., is the apparent low bidder with its bid amount of \$178,500, which is approximately 10% lower than the engineer's estimate of \$197,736. Staff has reviewed P.C. Inc.'s proposal and finds that the contractor has met all the project requirements and has a past history of performing similar work successfully for other agencies.

Staff received two bid protests from ARAM Electric, Inc., and Edward R. Bacon Company, the second and fourth apparent low bidders respectively, requesting that P.C. Inc.'s bid be rejected. Edward R. Bacon's protest alleges that P.C. Inc. and all other bidders did not list in the designation of subcontractors a qualified professional electrical contractor to perform the electrical testing requirements. P.C. Inc. provided a response which states that the subject electrical testing electrical work is less than \$10,000, and is therefore not required to be listed in the bid proposal as stated in the project specifications. ARAM Electric, Inc.'s protest alleges that P.C. Inc. does not hold a valid electrical contractor license (C-10) and therefore is not qualified to perform the work. P.C. Inc. provided a response which states that the bid documents require a Class A or Class C-10 license. City staff reviewed their response and determined that a Class A Contractor with certified licensed electricians is qualified to perform the scope of work on the project. A general engineering contractor with a Class A license is defined as a general engineering contractor with specialized engineering knowledge including power plants, powerhouses, water power, hydroelectric plants, as well as other civil engineering disciplines. Additionally, staff has confirmed that P.C. Inc. employs licensed electricians who will perform the specialized electrical work. City staff has thus rejected the bid protests and determined that P.C. Inc. meets the requirements of the specifications and is the successful lowest responsible bidder.

As a result, staff recommends that the City Council award the project to P.C. Inc., and authorize the City Manager to execute the construction contract. Staff also recommends that the City Council authorize a 15% construction contingency budget to deal with unforeseen conditions with the existing structure, which may present problems during construction.

The project is anticipated to begin in May 2019 and be completed by September 2019.

FISCAL IMPACT

Estimated Project Expenditures:

The following are the estimated project construction expenditures:

Construction	\$178,500
Construction Contingency	\$26,775
Engineering Administration and Testing	\$94,725
Total	\$300,000

Funding Availability:

There are adequate funds available in the Facilities Capital Improvement Fund to complete the project.

Exhibits:

- Resolution
- Bid summary
- Project location map
- Construction contract
- Bid protest correspondence