

STAFF REPORT



ITEM NO. 12
CITY OF OCEANSIDE

DATE: March 5, 2008

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Development Services Department

SUBJECT: **AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE OCEANSIDE BOULEVARD STREET LIGHTS PROJECT**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the City Council award a contract in the amount of \$98,475 to T&M Electric, Inc., of Santee for the Oceanside Boulevard Street Lights project and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement upon receipt of all supporting documents.

BACKGROUND

Each year, as part of an ongoing program, San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) allocates funds to the City of Oceanside for the purpose of replacing overhead utilities with an underground system. The allocation of funds is based on the number of customers served by overhead utilities.

This first phase of the underground conversion work begins at Crouch Street because the ground is contaminated from a former gasoline station land use at Greenbrier Drive. The underground work ends at Barnwell Street, but will continue as a second phase project when SDG&E accumulates sufficient funds for this work in about two years.

On January 9, 2008, the City Council approved the plans and specifications for the Oceanside Boulevard Street Lights project and authorized a call for bids. Notices inviting sealed bids were sent to Oceanside contractors and were also advertised in local papers and trade journals in accordance with City's standard bidding procedures.

ANALYSIS

SDG&E staff has designed the Oceanside Boulevard – Crouch Street to Barnwell Street – Undergrounding Utility District (UUD) and their crews are scheduled to begin work on March 23, 2008. The work under the City's contract provides street lights to replace the ones removed by SDG&E.

On February 26, 2008, the following bids were received and opened:

T&M Electric, Inc., Santee, CA	\$ 98,475.00
HMS Construction, Inc., Vista, CA	\$118,150.00
Ace Electric, Inc., San Diego, CA	\$122,960.00
HTA Engineering & Construction, Inc., Poway, CA	\$129,800.00
Steiny and Company, Inc., Baldwin Park, CA	\$145,105.00
Pro Tech Engineering Corporation, Corona Del Mar, CA	\$146,700.00
PAR Electrical Contractors, Inc., Escondido, CA	\$148,616.08
Southern Contracting Company, San Marcos, CA	\$155,723.00
Republic Its, Novato, CA	\$163,100.00
Zondiros Corporation, San Marcos, CA	\$163,200.00
PTM General Engineering Services, Inc., Riverside, CA	\$163,380.00
Jose E. Pereira Engineering & Mechanical, El Cajon, CA	\$185,847.81
Team Fishel, Oceanside, CA	\$187,017.00
TC Construction Co., Inc., Santee, CA	\$193,230.00

The engineer's estimate of cost is \$200,000. The lowest qualified bidder is T&M Electric, Inc., of Santee. Their credentials have been searched and meet the City's requirements. The bid was reviewed and was found to be competitive.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Street Lights project (212.757790) has a balance of \$525,000. The estimated cost of the project, including inspection, administration and project management is \$220,000. Therefore there are sufficient funds available to complete the project.

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

The Utilities Subcommittee meets with staff annually to review existing and future underground utility districts. At their September 16, 2003, meeting, the Subcommittee recommended the proposed Oceanside Boulevard UUD, which was subsequently approved by the City Council.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

Public Contract Code section 20162 requires contracts for public projects in excess of \$ 5,000 to be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. "Responsible bidder" is defined as a bidder who has demonstrated the attributes of trustworthiness as well as quality, fitness, capacity and experience to satisfactorily perform a public works contract. The City Council also has discretion to reject all bids and re-advertise, under Public Contracts Code section 20166.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council award a contract in the amount of \$98,475 to T&M Electric, Inc., of Santee for the Oceanside Boulevard Street Lights project and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement upon receipt of all supporting documents.

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