

STAFF REPORT*CITY OF OCEANSIDE*

DATE: August 29, 2012

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Development Services Department

SUBJECT: **AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE MORRO HEIGHTS ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the City Council award a contract in the amount of \$153,219 to Ramona Paving and Construction Corporation of Ramona, for the Morro Heights Road Improvement project, for paving repairs and asphalt curbing; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement upon receipt of all supporting documents.

BACKGROUND

On August 13, 2011, the City Council approved the plans and specifications for the Morro Heights Road Improvement project and authorized a call for bids. Notices inviting sealed bids were sent to qualified area contractors and were also advertised in local newspapers, trade journals, and web sites in accordance with the City's standard bidding procedures.

On July 31, 2012, the following six bids were publicly opened:

Ramona Paving and Construction Corp.	Ramona	\$153,219.87
Wheeler Paving, Inc.	Riverside	\$160,917.26
Koch-Armstrong General Engineering, Inc.	Lakeside	\$173,749.00
PAL General Engineering, Inc.	San Diego	\$188,354.00
Crest Equipment, Inc.	El Cajon	\$193,152.90
TED Enterprises, Inc.	San Clemente	\$208,495.00

The lowest responsive bid was submitted by Ramona Paving and Construction Corporation. The company's credentials have been verified as meeting City requirements.

ANALYSIS

Morro Heights Road is a deteriorated two-lane rural road off Sleeping Indian Road in the northeast corner of Oceanside. The project consists of applying a "cape seal" that consists of a chip seal plus a slurry seal. The slurry seal is a mixture of asphalt emulsion and sand. When spread on the chip seal surface, it will provide a smooth driving surface and helps prevent chips from coming loose. Existing potholed areas of the road surface will be repaired before the finish chip seal surface is applied. Also, asphalt curbing will be installed to improve drainage and help prevent rocks and dirt from washing onto the road surface during rain storms.

FISCAL IMPACT

The estimated project cost is \$190,000, including staff time and field inspection.

Funding for the Morro Heights Road Improvement project will be provided by the \$1,093,000 in TransNet funds for street maintenance (425426212), as approved in the FY 2012-2013 CIP budget. The remainder of the funds will be used for other street maintenance contract work to be awarded later this fiscal year.

The City is scheduled to receive a cash draw in the amount of \$1,199,000 of TransNet funds in October 2012 for this and other road maintenance projects.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The City's standard insurance requirements will be met.

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

Does not apply.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

The bid documents were previously reviewed by the City Attorney and approved as to form. The construction contract, if awarded, must be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. The Public Contract Code defines "responsible bidder" as a bidder who has demonstrated the attributes of trustworthiness as well as quality, capacity, and experience to satisfactorily perform a public works contract. The City Council has the discretion to award the contract, or reject all bids and re-advertise the project.

RECOMMENDATION

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