



May 11, 2023

To: Transit Committee

From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

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Subject: Agreement for Security Gates Installation at the Anaheim, Garden Grove, and Santa Ana Bus Bases

Overview

On February 27, 2023, the Orange County Transportation Authority issued an invitation for bids for the installation of security gates at the Anaheim, Garden Grove, and Santa Ana bus bases. Bids were received in accordance with Board of Directors-approved public works procurement procedures. Board of Directors' approval is requested to execute the agreement.

Recommendations

- A. Find M.S. Construction Management Group, the apparent low bidder, as non-responsive for failure to complete the appropriate bid security form and submit a bid bond acknowledging terms and obligations in accordance with the bid instructions.

- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-3-2279 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Armstrong Cal Builders Inc., the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, in the amount of \$3,798,000 for the installation of security gates at the Anaheim, Garden Grove, and Santa Ana bus bases.

Discussion

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) completed construction of the Anaheim Bus Base in 1983, the Garden Grove Bus Base in 1978, and the Santa Ana Bus Base in 2005. In support of operations, the installation of security gates is needed at the Anaheim, Garden Grove, and Santa Ana bus bases for bus operations and maintenance to enhance the overall security and safety of the bus bases.

In 2016, the Orange County Intelligence Assessment Center completed a vulnerability assessment and mitigation report for OCTA that recommended the need, among other things, for security gates at bus bases. In 2018, the Transportation Security Administration conducted a baseline assessment for security enhancement, and it was recommended to upgrade the current gates and access-controlled system.

Motorized security gates with access control are needed at the operations and maintenance bus bases to better secure entry into OCTA's properties to reduce risk and threats to the facilities. This project does not cover all installation of gates at all bus bases, but rather the bases and gate locations that have had frequent incidents of unauthorized entry, including attempted employee and company car thefts and burglaries. The project includes installation of four new motorized security gates with access control at the Anaheim Bus Base, three at the Garden Grove Bus Base, and three at the Santa Ana Bus Base, including intercom, video surveillance cameras, infrastructure, base entry guard shacks, safety compliance, permits, and all related work.

Procurement Approach

The procurement was handled in accordance with OCTA's Board of Directors-approved procedures for public works projects. These procedures, which conform to both state and federal requirements, require that contracts are awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder after a sealed bidding process.

Invitation for Bids (IFB) 3-2279 was released on February 27, 2023, through OCTA's CAMM NET system. The project was advertised on February 27 and March 6, 2023, in a newspaper of general circulation. A pre-bid conference and job walk were held on March 9, 2023, and were attended by seven firms. Two addenda were issued to provide the pre-bid conference registration sheets, respond to bidders' questions, and handle administrative issues related to the IFB. On March 27, 2023, two bids were received and publicly opened.

All bids were reviewed by staff from the Contracts Administration and Materials Management and Facilities Engineering departments to ensure compliance with the contract terms and conditions, as well as technical specifications. The list of bidders and bid amounts is presented below.

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<u>Firm and Location</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
M.S. Construction Management Group Dana Point, California	\$3,385,000
Armstrong Cal Builders Inc. Signal Hill, California	\$3,798,000

The apparent low bidder, M.S. Construction Management Group, was found non-responsive as they did not submit the appropriate bid security form, and the submitted bid bond did not acknowledge the terms and obligations in accordance with the IFB instructions. As such, the award is recommended to Armstrong Cal Builders Inc., as the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. The engineer's estimate for this project was \$3,650,000. The recommended firm's bid is four percent above the engineer's estimate and is considered by staff to be fair and reasonable. Reference checks were received for projects completed by the bidder for similar work.

State law requires award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. As such, staff recommends award to Armstrong Cal Builders, Inc., the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder, in the amount of \$3,798,000, for the installation of security gates at Anaheim, Garden Grove, and Santa Ana bus bases.

Fiscal Impact

Funding for this project is included in OCTA's Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget, Capital Programs Account No. 1722-9022-D3126-0V0, and is funded with State of California SB 1 (Chapter 5, Statutes of 2017) State of Good Repair Program grant funds.

Summary

Based on the information provided, staff recommends the Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-3-2279 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Armstrong Cal Builders Inc., the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, in the amount of \$3,798,000, for the installation of security gates at the Anaheim, Garden Grove, and Santa Ana bus bases.

Attachment

None.

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