

## May 9, 2019

**To:** Transit Committee

From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

**Subject:** Agreement for Restroom Repair at the Irvine Construction Circle

**Bus Base** 

#### Overview

As part of the Orange County Transportation Authority's Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget, the Board of Directors approved restroom repairs at the Irvine Construction Circle Bus Base. Bids were received in accordance with the Orange County Transportation Authority's public works procurement procedures. Board of Directors' approval is requested to execute the agreement.

#### Recommendations

A. Find Westside Builders Corporation, the apparent low bidder, as non-responsive for failure to meet the federal requirement for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation.

B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-8-2066 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Reed Family Enterprises, Inc., the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, in the amount of \$210,000, for restroom repairs at the Irvine Construction Circle Bus Base.

#### **Discussion**

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) purchased the Irvine Construction Circle Bus Base from Laidlaw Transportation in 2006. The building facilities were originally constructed for Laidlaw Transportation in 2000, and elements of the plumbing wall installed during the original construction, which separates the women's and men's restrooms, are deteriorated and require replacement. The project includes replacement of the plumbing wall, leaking pipes, toilets, and all related work necessary to bring the restrooms into a state of good repair. The repairs will provide the operations building full functionality for the ACCESS bus fleet staff. While these restrooms are temporarily closed during

construction, Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant portable restrooms will be furnished for staff use.

## Procurement Approach

This 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) 8-2066 was released on February 4, 2019, through OCTA's CAMM NET system. The project was advertised on February 4 and February 11, 2019, in a newspaper of general circulation. A pre-bid conference and job walk were held on February 12, 2019, and were attended by eight firms. Four addenda were issued to provide the pre-bid conference registration sheets and handle administrative issues related to the IFB. On March 14, 2019, six bids were received and publicly opened.

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

Firm and Location	Bid Amount
Westside Builders Corporation Porter Ranch, California 91326	\$178,500
Reed Family Enterprises, Inc. Irvine, California 92618	\$210,000
Encore Development Company Carson, California 90266	\$229,565
C-I Construction Corporation Los Angeles, California 90004	\$242,000
Optima RPM, Inc. Irvine, California 92614	\$269,000
Fast-Track Construction Corporation Culver City, California 90230	\$413,000

The engineer's estimate for the project was \$240,000. The recommended firm's bid is 14 percent below the engineer's estimate and is considered by staff to be fair and reasonable. The apparent low bidder was deemed non-responsive for

failure to meet the federal requirement for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation.

State law requires award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. As such, staff recommends award to Reed Family Enterprises, Inc., the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder, in the amount of \$210,000, for restroom repairs at the Irvine Construction Circle Bus Base.

## Fiscal Impact

The project was approved in OCTA's Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget, Capital Programs Division, Account 1722-9022-D1401-0ME, and is funded by Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 Preventative Maintenance Grant Funds, Revenue account code 0030-6049-D1401-LJK.

# Summary

Based on the information provided, staff recommends the Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-8-2066 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Reed Family Enterprises, Inc., the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, in the amount of \$210,000, for restroom repairs at the Irvine Construction Circle Bus Base.

### Attachment

None.

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