



**June 13, 2019**

**To:** Transit Committee

**From:** Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer 

**Subject:** Agreement for Bus Hoist Replacement at the Santa Ana Bus Base

### **Overview**

The steam clean bus hoist at the Santa Ana Bus Base is in need of replacement. Bids were received in accordance with the Orange County Transportation Authority's public works projects. Board of Directors' approval is requested to execute the agreement.

### **Recommendation**

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-9-1178 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Autolift Services, Inc., the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, in the amount of \$149,300, for bus hoist replacement at the Santa Ana Bus Base.

### **Discussion**

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) completed construction of the Santa Ana Bus Base in 2005. The bus hoist in the bus steam clean building has been taken out of service due to severe deterioration and is in need of replacement. The project consists of installation of a new heavy duty flush mount drive-on bus hoist, remote control panel with electric hydraulic power and control unit, and all related work to bring the bus steam clean facility into a state of good repair.

### **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 federal and state requirements, require that contracts are awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder after a sealed bidding process.

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Invitation for Bids (IFB) 9-1178 was released on April 8, 2019, through OCTA's CAMM NET system. The project was advertised on April 8 and April 15, 2019, in a newspaper of general circulation. A pre-bid conference was held on April 17, 2019, and was attended by six firms. Four addenda were issued to make available the pre-bid conference registration sheets and presentation, respond to approved equal requests, as well as issue clarifications related to the IFB. On May 8, 2019, four 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:

<u>Firm and Location</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Autolift Services, Inc. Los Alamitos, California	\$149,300
Southwest Lift and Equipment, Inc. San Bernardino, California	\$170,941
Makai Solutions Gardena, California	\$197,365
Air and Lube Systems, Inc. Sacramento, California	\$245,610

The engineer's estimate for the project was \$300,000. The recommended firm's bid is about 50 percent lower than the engineer's estimate and is considered by staff to be fair and reasonable. The estimate included general conditions and safety requirements. The bidder is a vehicle lift installation company self-performing all work which eliminates subcontractor layered markups. All four bids were under the engineer's estimate, and the lowest bid is 14.5 percent below the second-lowest bid. The bidder is required to submit a performance bond prior to contract execution, guaranteeing contract performance. In addition, the bidder has high ratings from references for similar projects with local government agencies.

State law requires award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. As such, staff recommends award to Autolift Services, Inc., the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, in the amount of \$149,300, for bus hoist replacement at the Santa Ana Bus Base.

**Fiscal Impact**

The project is funded through local transportation funds and can be accommodated in OCTA's Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget, Capital Programs Division, Account 1722-9022-D3126-KWH.

**Summary**

Based on the information provided, staff recommends the Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-9-1178 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Autolift Services, Inc., the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, in the amount of \$149,300, for bus hoist replacement at the Santa Ana Bus Base.

**Attachment**

None.

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