




March 12, 2020

To: Transit Committee

From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer 

Subject: Agreement for Installation of Monitoring Wells at the Garden Grove Bus Base

Overview

Monitoring wells are required to be installed at the Garden Grove Bus Base at the direction of the Regional Water Quality Control Board. Bids for construction of the monitoring wells were received in accordance with the Orange County Transportation Authority's public works procurement procedures. Approval from the Board of Directors is requested to execute the agreement.

Recommendation

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-9-1595 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Core Probe International, Inc., the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, in the amount of \$91,000, for the installation of monitoring wells at the Garden Grove Bus Base.

Discussion

In November 2017, the Board of Directors (Board) approved the agreement for removal of liquefied natural gas (LNG) storage tanks at the Anaheim and Garden Grove bus bases. The LNG tank removal project was completed in December 2018; however, during removal of the LNG tanks at the Garden Grove Bus Base, petroleum hydrocarbons were detected in the soil at one end of the LNG tank excavation. The Orange County Health Care Agency referred the matter to the State of California Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board), and the project is required to comply with regulations set by the Water Board. After meeting with the Water Board, staff developed a work plan to install five monitoring wells and one vapor extraction well at the Garden Grove Bus Base to obtain and report data as required by the Water Board. The monitoring wells will remain in place for one year, during which time data will be reported to the Water Board.

Procurement Approach

This procurement was handled in accordance with the Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA) 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) 9-1595 was released on November 14, 2019, through OCTA's CAMM NET system. The project was advertised on November 14 and 18, 2019, in a newspaper of general circulation. A pre-bid conference and job walk for contractors was held on November 20, 2019, and was attended by seven firms. Two addenda were issued to provide the pre-bid conference registration sheets and handle administrative issues related to the IFB. On December 20, 2019, a single bid from Core Probe International, Inc., in the amount of \$91,000, was received and publicly opened.

The bid was reviewed by staff from both the Contracts Administration and Materials Management (CAMM) and Facilities Engineering departments to ensure compliance with technical specifications and the contract terms and conditions.

The recommended firm's bid is 52 percent below the engineer's estimate of \$172,080 for this project. The engineer's estimate included costs for three full days of labor and equipment for drilling, including soil vapor extraction equipment and steel casing for the five wells. Staff conducted a review and assessment of the bid. The analysis concluded that the bidder's means and methods assumed a shorter duration for the drilling and soil vapor extraction, resulting in the variance. The bid includes all of the required work components and has been determined to be fair and reasonable. Core Probe International, Inc., met the requirements of the IFB, as well as all federal and state requirements.

In accordance with OCTA's procurement policies and procedures, a single bid requires OCTA's Internal Audit Department to conduct a review to determine if there was adequate competition. The Internal Audit Department determined that the procurement was handled in a fair and competitive manner. In addition, CAMM contacted several firms that downloaded the IFB from OCTA's CAMM NET website, but ultimately did not submit bids. The reasons provided by these firms for not submitting a bid included not having expertise in the scope of work, exploring other potential bidding opportunities at the same time as the IFB, or experiencing resource constraints.

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State law requires award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. As such, staff recommends award to Core Probe International, Inc., the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder, in the amount of \$91,000, for the installation of monitoring wells at the Garden Grove Bus Base.

Fiscal Impact

The project was approved in OCTA's Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget, Capital Programs, Account 1722-9022-D1401-0ME, and is funded by Federal Transit Administration 5337 State of Good Repair Grant Funds, Account 0030-6049-D3120-MJK.

Summary

Based on the information provided, staff recommends the Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-9-1595 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Core Probe International, Inc., the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, in the amount of \$91,000, for the installation of monitoring wells at the Garden Grove Bus Base.

Attachment

None.

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