



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department of Public Works

DATE: September 11, 2009
BOARD MEETING DATE: September 29, 2009
SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING: None
VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: James C. Porter, Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: Rutherford Avenue Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project – Fair Oaks Sewer Maintenance District (Project No. SF014, File No. F-351 [3B])

RECOMMENDATION:

Acting as the governing board of Fair Oaks Sewer Maintenance District (District), adopt a resolution:

1. Adopting the plans and specifications for the Rutherford Avenue Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project dated August 17, 2009, including conformance with prevailing wage scale requirements; and
2. Awarding and authorizing execution of a contract with **McNamara & Smallman Construction Inc.**, in the amount of **\$187,700.00** for the entire work; and
3. Authorizing the Director of Public Works for quantity adjustment compensation and to issue change orders up to a maximum aggregate amount of \$30,000, or approximately 15% of the contract amount; and
4. Authorizing the Director of Public Works to file a Notice of Exemption for a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Categorical Exemption.

BACKGROUND:

The Board adopted Resolution Number 068509 on January 23, 2007, which “streamlined” the bid process for non-controversial sewer inspection, maintenance and rehabilitation projects, by authorizing the Director of Public Works to develop plans and specifications and to call for bids for the types of projects identified in said resolution.

DISCUSSION:

The proposed project, totaling approximately 0.536 miles in length, consists of the



replacement of deteriorated sanitary sewer pipes and manholes, reconnection of the existing sewer laterals to the new pipes, restoration of existing roadways and landscaped median islands, and repair of other miscellaneous sewer facilities.

On September 9, 2009, bids were accepted for this project and subsequently referred to this office for checking and recommendation. The bid of **McNamara & Smallman Construction Inc., 1756 Holmes Street, Livermore, CA, 94550** at **\$187,700.00** was the lowest responsible bid received for the work. The Engineer's estimate was \$333,000.00. A summary of the bids received is attached as Exhibit "A".

Staff has reviewed the bid documents and has determined that the Equal Employment program submitted by Contractor is in accordance with the current Equal Employment guidelines and that the Contractor complies with the equal benefits and jury duty pay provisions of the County ordinance code.

Public Works staff has determined the project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption pursuant to Section 15301(c) of the Guidelines for Implementation of the CEQA, and we are requesting that your Board authorize Public Works to file a notice of exemption following the award of the contract.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Resolution as to form.

Awarding this project contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by maintaining the integrity of the sanitary sewer infrastructure and protecting the environment for the benefit of the public.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total cost of this project is **\$217,700.00**, which includes authorization for up to a fifteen percent (15%) contingency (approximately **\$30,000.00**) to compensate for quantity adjustments and change orders. The work is bid on a unit price basis (i.e., linear feet of sewer pipe replaced, number of manholes constructed, and each service lateral reconnected, etc.). The contingency is used to pay the contractor for any additional material for the various bid items as the actual quantity used depends on the unit weight and actual limits of the construction project, or to pay for added work resulting from unforeseen conditions not anticipated in the contract documents

The project is proposed to be financed with District funds that have been allocated for this work.

There is no impact to the General Fund.

Attachment: Exhibit "A" – Summary of Bids Received