



Staff Reports

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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Julie Lucido, Public Works Director

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TITLE:

On-Call Structural Engineering Services

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize the Public Works Director to execute on behalf of the City an agreement with Biggs Cardosa Associates, Inc., for task-order based on-call structural engineering services in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.

DISCUSSION:

The Engineering Division seeks additional consulting structural engineering to the City's design team to augment staff's design capabilities and technical expertise to effectively deliver projects within the Capital Improvement Program. This can be accomplished by using on-call structural engineering services.

In June 2021 the City published a Request for Proposals, and in July 2021 the City received four proposals from qualified firms, all of whom met the minimum qualifications presented in the Request for Proposals. The following firms submitted proposals (in alphabetical order): Biggs Cardosa Associates, Inc.; Simpson Gumpertz & Heger, Inc.; Thornton Tomasetti, Inc.; and ZFA Structural Engineers.

A selection committee comprised of Engineering Division, Operations Division, and Utilities Department staff evaluated and scored each of the submitted proposals. Each firm was evaluated based on the following criteria: thoroughness of proposal, consultant experience, contract understanding, firm's expertise/capabilities and proximity to the City of Napa. After thorough review and deliberation, the Selection Committee determined that ZFA Structural Engineers, Simpson Gumpertz & Heger, Inc., and Biggs Cardosa Associates, Inc. scored as the top three firms. Contract execution was authorized for ZFA Structural Engineers and Simpson Gumpertz & Heger, Inc. by City Council at the August 17, 2021 Council Meeting.

The final contract negotiations with Biggs Cardosa Associates, Inc. were not concluded in time for the last Council Meeting, so the request to authorize execution of their contract was scheduled for this first City Council Meeting in September.

The contract includes a rate schedule for labor and materials, and a scope of services that may be required for a variety of possible engineering projects. All work will be directed by the City using task

orders defining a scope of work and a negotiated cost estimate and work schedule.

FINANCIAL IMPACTS:

No appropriations are necessary at this time as existing and future project accounts will be used to fund each task order issued by the City for an approved scope of work. Each task assignment will include a negotiated budget and proposed schedule to accompany the scope of work.

CEQA:

The Public Works Director has determined that the Recommended Action described in this Agenda Report is not in-and-of-itself a “project” (pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378) since it does not result in a physical change in the environment.

However, the Recommended Action is part of larger “projects” that will be subject to environmental review in accordance with CEQA at the “earliest feasible time” prior to “approval” consistent with CEQA Guidelines Sections 15004 and 15352. The larger “projects” are various Capital Improvement Program projects, and staff plans to bring back a CEQA analysis of those projects to Council prior to awarding construction contracts for those projects.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

ATCH 1 - Agreement with Biggs Cardosa Associates, Inc.

NOTIFICATION:

None.