



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: February 24, 2015

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Facilities Division, Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Rejection Of Community Development Block Grant Westside Center Bathroom Renovation Project Bids

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council reject the bids for the construction of the Community Development Block Grant Westside Center Bathroom Renovation Project, Bid No. 3769, and authorize the Public Works Director to re-bid the project.

DISCUSSION:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The work consists of renovating over 300 square feet of interior space at the Westside Center. The Westside Center is located within the eligible Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) census tracts. The City has applied for and received CDBG funding. Renovation work shall include Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and finish upgrades to the existing men's and women's bathrooms, hazardous material abatement, minor exterior work to include replacing two existing window openings with doors and replacing existing sidewalk paving at the new doors. The design documents were completed by Paul Poirier & Associates Architects (PPAA) in June 2013, with a construction cost estimate of \$149,282.97.

CONTRACT BIDS

A total of 4 bids were received for the subject work, ranging as follows:

	BIDDER	BID AMOUNT
1.	Southwest Construction Company Santa Barbara, CA	\$154,294.00
2.	Blackstar Construction Group Oxnard, CA	\$178,416.00
3.	EJS Construction Carpinteria, CA	\$209,000.00
4.	Ardalan Construction Company Thousand Oaks, CA	\$211,570.00

The lowest bidder, Southwest Construction Company, withdrew their proposal. Southwest asserted they were unable to obtain the necessary insurance. The second lowest bidder, Blackstar Construction Group, submitted a proposal that did not include all the necessary signatures and was therefore deemed non-responsive. The third and fourth lowest bidders provided proposal amounts far above PPAA's construction cost estimate and available project funding.

Since the City reserves the right to reject all bids (Charter Section 519), staff feels it prudent to re-bid the project. The project will be promptly re-bid, and a new proposed contract will be presented to Council for approval in the next 60 to 90 days.

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APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office