

AGENDA ITEM NO.

COUNCIL MEETING

APPROVED BY



DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

CITY MANAGER

March 11, 2008

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Public Works Department

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SUBJECT: AWARD A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$107,999 TO V & G BUILDERS, INC. OF FRESNO, SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CONCRETE SIDEWALKS IN HARVEY AVENUE AND FIFTH STREET BID FILE NO. 2761 (LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 7)

KEY RESULT AREA

Customer Service, Air quality, KRA code 0101001000

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the City Council award a contract for \$107,999 to V & G Builders Inc. to construct concrete sidewalks in Harvey Avenue and Fifth Street, as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

One of the basic tenets of pedestrian and bicycle safety is that to be effective, safety programs must be comprehensive – involving engineering, education, enforcement and evaluation. Therefore, the City of Fresno has prepared engineered plans and specifications to construct concrete improvements in this neighborhood and provide a sense of safety to the school children and the community.

KEY OBJECTIVE BALANCE

This project best balances the three Key Objectives of Customer Satisfaction, Employee Satisfaction and prudent Fiscal Management. This project will improve the flow of traffic, reduce congestion and pollution, provide a safe walking route for children thus meeting the objective of Customer Satisfaction. Approximately one year ago the City's design staff undertook the task of repairing contract documents to construct and complete the installation of concrete sidewalks. The City was able to secure SRTS grant funds to implement the project. The implementation of

the project is necessary to improve level of service along the established route to school. By designing, preparing contract documents and implementing them in a timely manner, insures that the objectives of Employee Satisfaction and prudent fiscal management are met.

BACKGROUND

In 1969, about half of all students walked or bicycled to school. Today fewer than 15 percent of all school trips are made by walking or bicycling, one-quarter are made on a school bus, and over half of all children arrive at school in private automobiles. This decline in walking and bicycling has had an adverse effect on traffic congestion and air quality around schools, as well as pedestrian and bicycle safety. In addition, a growing body of evidence has shown that children who lead sedentary lifestyles are at risk for a variety of health problems such as obesity, diabetes, and cardiovascular disease. Safety issues are a big concern for parents, who consistently cite traffic danger as a reason why their children are unable to bicycle or walk to school.

The purpose of the Federal Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program is to address these issues head on. At its heart, the SRTS Program empowers communities to make walking and bicycling to school a safe and routine activity once again. The Program makes funding available for a wide variety of programs and projects, from building safer street crossings to establishing programs that encourage children and their parents to walk and bicycle safely to school.

Plans and Specifications were prepared and a Notice Inviting Bids was published in the Business Journal on January 9th, 2008, posted on the City's website and faxed to 11 builder exchanges. The specifications were distributed to 24 prospective bidders. The bid price is 32.5% below the Engineer's Estimate. Thirteen bid proposals were received and opened in a public bid opening on February 14, 2008. Bid proposal prices ranged between \$107,999.00, and \$196,176.00.

V & G builders Inc. submitted the lowest bid price in the amount of \$107,999.00 and are considered the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Staff recommends that the City Council award a contract in the amount of \$107,999.00 to V & G Builders Inc.

The project will be completed within 30 working days from the date of the Notice to Proceed.

The Council may reject all bids. However, in the event all bids are rejected and this project does not award potential future progress may be stifled in this area.

FISCAL IMPACT

This project is funded with a Safe Route to School Program grant, Measure C funds and Pedestrian and Bike facilities funds.

FOR: SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL, HIDALGO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, CONSTRUCT CONCRETE
SIDEWALKS, HARVEY AVENUE AND FIFTH STREET

Bid File No. 2761
Bid Opening: February 14, 2008

<u>BIDDER'S</u>	<u>Total Bid Amount</u>
1. V & G Builders, Inc. 4724 W. Roberts Fresno, CA 93722	\$107,999.00
2. Doug Ross Inc., dba Central Valley Asphalt 23494 Road 196 Lindsay, CA 93247	\$127,641.00
3. FMDiaz Construction, Inc. 4650 E. Weathermaker Fresno, CA 93703	\$132,863.11
4. Victory Engineers Inc. 575 E. Alluvial Ave #106 Fresno, CA 93720	\$144,835.00
5. Yarbs Enterprise 11339 S. Peach Fresno, CA 93725	\$151,780.00
6. BDS Construction, Inc. 18448 Avenue 24 Chowchilla, CA 93610	\$173,017.50
7. American Paving Co. P.O. Box 4348 Fresno, CA 93744	\$173,645.00
8. D.O.D. Construction P.O. Box 70187 Bakersfield, CA 93387	\$175,770.00
9. Witbro Inc., dba Seal Rite Paving and Grading 959 Clovis Avenue Clovis, CA 93612	\$191,974.64
10. Davis Moreno Construction, Inc. 4720 N. Blythe Ave Fresno, CA 93722	\$183,883.50
11. Lockwood General Eng., Inc. 10533 W. Goshen Ave Visalia, CA 93291	\$185,068.00
12. Dave Christian Const. Co., Inc. 2233 S. Minnewawa Ave Fresno, CA 93727-6317	\$194,646.00
13. Granite Construction Company 585 W. Beach Street Watsonville, CA 95076	\$196,176.00

Each bidder has agreed to allow the City sixty-two (62) days from date bids are opened to accept or reject their bid proposal. Purchasing requests that you complete the following sections and return this bid evaluation to the Purchasing Division at the latest by Wednesday, March 12, 2008, 5:00 P.M.

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The Engineer's Estimate for this expenditure is \$157,605.00. The contract price is 32.5% below the Engineer's Estimate. If the overage is greater than 10% or only one bid was received, give explanation:

BACKGROUND OF PROJECT (To be completed by Evaluating Department/
Division. Explain need for project/equipment):

The Hidalgo Elementary School is a year round school located in south central Fresno, six-hundred and eighty-three children attend this K-6 school.

Fresno Police Department reports that two pedestrian—vehicle accidents have occurred within $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of the school in the last two years, and three vehicle collisions have occurred on Harvey Street, between First and 9th Streets, since 2001, parents will feel more secure when their children have a place to walk, separated from traffic, and thus more children will be allowed to walk or bicycle to school.

Installation of sidewalks near Hidalgo Elementary School will encourage increased walking.

Harvey Avenue, a major Safe Route to School for Hidalgo Elementary School Children needs approximately 1012 LF of sidewalks between First and 5th streets on the south side of the street. The majority of the student body lives to the west of the campus and must use Harvey Avenue to get to school or walk down Belmont Avenue, a very busy arterial, and dangerous for small children to walk along.

Children walking to school on Harvey and Belmont Avenues must turn onto 5th Street to reach the school, which is missing approximately 990 LF of sidewalk on the west side of the street, and approximately 400 LF of sidewalk on the east side.

This Street improvement project will construct sidewalks, curb cuts/handicap ramps that are missing along both streets and install missing storm drain improvements too.

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DEPARTMENT CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATION:

Award a contract in the amount of \$107,999.00 _____
to V & G BUILDERS, INC., 4724 W. ROBERTS AVE. FRESNO, CA 93722
as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Remarks:

Reject all bids. Reason:
Department Head Approval

Elen Samalor
Title Asst. Director of Public Works
Date 2/26/08

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Approve Dept. Recommendation

Approve GSD/Purchasing Recommendation

Disapprove

Disapprove

See Attachment

GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

CITY MANAGER

Janet Smith 2/27/08
Purchasing Manager Date

[Signature] 2/28/08
City Manager or Designee Date

K. Herford 2/27/08
Director Date

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

PROGRAM: PW00445, SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL, HIDALGO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
CONSTRUCT CONCRETE SIDEWALKS, HARVEY AVENUE AND FIFTH STREET.

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>	<u>TOTAL OR CURRENT</u>	<u>ANNUALIZED COST</u>
Direct Cost	<u>\$107,999.00</u>	_____
Indirect Cost	<u>\$ 12,500.00</u>	_____
TOTAL COST	<u>\$120,499.00</u>	_____
Additional Revenue or Savings Generated	<u>\$0.00</u>	_____
Net City Cost	<u>\$120,499.00</u>	_____
Amount Budgeted (If none budgeted, identify source)	<u>PW00445</u>	_____

Project Management:	\$10,000
Contract Engineering Support:	\$ 1,000
Contract Compliance:	\$ 500
<u>Project Closeout:</u>	<u>\$ 1,000</u>
Total:	\$12,500