

AGENDA ITEM NO.

COUNCIL MEETING

APPROVED BY



DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

CITY MANAGER

March 4, 2008

FROM: PATRICK N. WIEMILLER, Director   
Public Works Department

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Public Works Department, Capital Management Division

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Public Works Department, Capital Management Division

SUBJECT: AWARD A CONTRACT TO TRI-COUNTY GRADING & PAVING, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$449,973 FOR ASHLAN AVENUE WIDENING FROM BLYTHE AVENUE TO FREEWAY 99, BID FILE NO. 2780 (LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 1)

#### KEY RESULT AREA

Attain full air quality compliance by 2013

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the City Council award a contract in the amount of \$449,973 to Tri-County Grading & Paving Inc., as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This project is implemented by the City in partnership with the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Fresno. Ashlan Avenue serves as the main access to and from Freeway 99 for the citizens of Fresno living along Ashlan Avenue corridor west of Freeway 99. Portions of Ashlan Avenue between Freeway 99 and Blythe Avenue is a two lane street and act as a bottleneck restricting the smooth flow of traffic during peak hours. This widening project adds an eastbound lane to the south side and extends the westbound lane to Blythe Avenue.

#### KEY OBJECTIVE BALANCE

This project best balances the three Key Objectives of Customer Satisfaction, Employee Satisfaction and prudent Fiscal Management. This project will provide an improved level of service to the motorist using Ashlan Avenue to travel to the east and to the west at Freeway 99 during the peak hours, thus serving the customer. The project will achieve Employee Satisfaction by providing a smoother flow of traffic thus leading to fewer complaints from citizens using Ashlan Avenue. The awarded contract price is under the budgeted construction amount, therefore, it is fiscally beneficial to the City.

## **BACKGROUND**

This project is to add an eastbound lane on the south side of Ashlan Avenue between Freeway 99 and Blythe Avenue and extend the second westbound lane to Blythe Avenue. Scope of the project includes paving, landscaping, streetlights and striping.

Plans and Specifications were prepared and a Notice of Inviting Bids was published in the Business Journal on January 16, 2008, posted on the City's website and faxed to seven builder exchanges. Plans and specifications were picked up by 36 prospective bidders. Seventeen bids were received and opened in a public bid opening on February 14, 2008. Bid prices ranged between \$449,973 and \$846,449.

Tri-County Grading & Paving Inc., submitted the lowest in the amount of \$449,973 and is considered to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The project will be completed in 60 working days from issuance of the Notice to Proceed.

The Council may reject all bids. However, in the event all bids are rejected, the project will be rebid resulting in a delay of approximately 60 days.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

See attached Fiscal Impact Statement.

PNW/EB/LG/eam  
Awd Contr Tri-Co Grading&Paving Aslan Av Wid 3-4-08

Attachments: Bid Evaluation  
Fiscal Impact Statement

**EVALUATION OF BID PROPOSALS**

FOR: ASHLAN AVENUE WIDENING (FROM BLYTHE AVE TO FWY 99)

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Bid Opening: 02/14/08

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<b>BIDDER'S</b>	<b>TOTAL NET BID AMOUNT</b>
Tri-County Grad & Paving, Inc. 95 W Shaw Ave., #101 Fresno, CA 93612	\$449,973.00
JWT General Engineering 1549 Menlo Clovis, CA 93612	\$496,500.40
Yarbs Enterprise 11339 S Peach Fresno, CA 93725	\$522,299.70
Henderson Construction 2100 N Winery, #104 Fresno, CA 93703	\$526,516.00
Dave Christian Const. Co., Inc. 2233 S Minnewawa Fresno, CA 93727	\$532,263.60
American Paving, Co. P.O. Box 4348 Fresno, CA 93744	\$545,451.90
R.J. Berry Jr., Inc. P.O. Box 468 Selma, CA 93662	\$569,146.50
Witbro Inc. d.b.a. Seal Rite Paving & Grading 959 Clovis Ave Clovis, CA 93612	\$574,285.36
Foster & Sons General Engineering Contractors, Inc. 1559 N McCall Ave Sanger, CA 93657	\$584,418.23
Agee Construction Corp P.O. Box 629 Clovis, CA 93613	\$588,146.00
Don Berry Construction Inc. P.O. Box 620 Selma, CA 93662	\$594,837.30

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Granite Construction Co. 585 W Beach St Watsonville, CA 95076	\$599,858.00
Doug Ross Inc. d.b.a. Central Valley Asphalt 23494 Road 196 Lindsay, CA 93247	\$627,009.00
Cruco Construction Group 2443 Foundry Park Ave Fresno, CA 93706	\$634,951.50
Bush Engineering, Inc. 518 N Redington Street Hanford, CA 93230	\$638,994.50
Emmett's Excavation, Inc. 1477 Menlo Ave Clovis, CA 93611	\$661,786.00
Garcia Paving, Co. Inc. 2951 S Elm Fresno, CA 93706	\$738,536.16
Lockwood General Engineering 10533 W Goshen Ave Visalia, CA 93291	\$846,449.00

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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.

The Engineer's Estimate Allocation for this expenditure is \$ 680,951.00. The contract price is 34% below the Engineer's Estimate. If the overage is greater than 10% or only one bid was received, give explanation:

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**BACKGROUND OF PROJECT** (To be completed by Evaluating Department/ Division. Explain need for project/equipment): This project is to add an eastbound lane on the south side of a Ashlan Avenue between freeway 99 and Blythe Avenue and extend the second westbound lane to Blythe Avenue. Scope of the project includes paving, landscaping, streetlights and striping.

**DEPARTMENT CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATION:**

Award a contract in the amount of \$449,973.00, to Tri-County Grad & Paving, Inc. of Fresno as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Remarks:

Reject all bids. Reason:

Department Head Approval

Eileen Ramirez  
Title Asst. Dir. of P. Works  
Date 2/21/08

- Approve Dept. Recommendation       Approve GSD/Purchasing Recommendation
- Disapprove       Disapprove
- See Attachment

GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

CITY MANAGER

Janet Smith 2/21/08  
Purchasing Manager      Date

Bob Allen 2/21/08  
City Manager or Designee      Date

K. Hernandez 2/21/08  
Director      Date

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

PROGRAM: PW00451 ASHLAN AVENUE WIDENING FROM BLYTHE AVENUE TO FWY 99

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>	<u>TOTAL OR CURRENT</u>	<u>ANNUALIZED COST</u>
Direct Cost	<u>\$449,973.00</u>	_____
Indirect Cost	<u>\$ 72,000.00</u>	_____
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<u><b>\$521,973.00</b></u>	_____
Additional Revenue or Savings Generated	_____	_____
Net City Cost	=====	_____
Amount Budgeted (If none budgeted, identify source)	<u>PW00451</u>	

Indirect costs consist of the following:

Construction Engineering: (Const. Manage., Surveying, Inspection, Contract Compliance)	\$ 40,000.00
Contract Engineering Support:	\$ 5,000.00
Contract Contingencies:	\$ 25,000.00
Project Closeout:	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u><b>\$ 72,000.00</b></u>