

AGENDA ITEM NO.	B
COUNCIL MEETING	03/06/14
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DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR	
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March 6, 2014

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SUBJECT: Reject all bids for the Ashlan Avenue Traffic Synchronization Project from Blackstone Avenue to Peach Avenue – Bid File 3295 (Council Districts 4, and 7)

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council reject all bids for the Ashlan Avenue Wireless Intelligent Transportation (ITS) Project from Blackstone Avenue to Peach Avenue and direct the staff to rebid the project as soon as possible.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Ashlan Avenue traffic signals synchronization project will install a wireless communication system to interconnect the intelligent traffic signal controllers along Ashlan Avenue and synchronize the corridor. This project will result in an efficient responsive coordinated system, improving safety, operations, energy conservation and effective capacity of the Ashlan Avenue corridor, while reducing emissions and improving overall quality of life.

On January 7, 2014, two bids were received and opened. After the bid opening, it was determined that the Contractor Qualification requirements were incorrectly included in the bid documents Material Specifications without a corresponding requirement on Bidder's Checklist. Without the required information on the Bidder's Checklist, Purchasing was unaware of the Material Specifications requirements to verify contractor qualifications, thereby rendering all bids as non-responsive. Staff recommends that the Council reject all bids for Ashlan Avenue Wireless ITS Project from Blackstone Avenue to Peach Avenue and direct the staff to re-bid as soon as possible.

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Reject all bids for the Ashlan Avenue Wireless ITS Project

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BACKGROUND

Ashlan Avenue is a major east-west corridor that intersects State Route 41 and 168. This corridor funnels traffic onto major arterials from both State routes as well as provides access to local businesses within the City of Fresno. Currently signalized intersections operate independently and without synchronization, reducing the efficiency of Ashlan Avenue, contributing to congestion and higher emissions during the peak hours. The Ashlan Avenue ITS Project will install wireless communication and interconnect the traffic controllers for an efficient traffic responsive coordination system, improving safety, operations, energy conservation and effective capacity of the corridor while reducing emissions and improving overall quality of life.

Staff prepared bid documents with a scope that included wireless communication system, state-of-the-art traffic controllers, cabinets, and advanced technologies to synchronize Ashlan Avenue corridor from Blackstone Avenue to Peach Avenue.

A Notice Inviting bids was published in the Business Journal on November 25, 2013, posted on the City's Website and faxed to thirteen (13) building exchanges. The specifications were distributed to eight (7) prospective bidders. Two (2) sealed bid proposals were received and opened on January 7, 2014.

After the bid opening, it was determined that the Contractor Qualification (Division 6, Material Specifications, Section 01000) requirements were included in the Material Specifications of the bid document without a corresponding Bidder's Checklist (Division 1, Bidding And Contract Documents) requirement for bidder submission of contractor qualifications and for Purchasing Division verification of contractor qualifications, without which, rendering all bids as non-responsive. Staff recommends that the Council reject all bids for Ashlan Avenue Wireless ITS Project from Blackstone Avenue to Peach Avenue and direct the staff to rebid as soon as possible.

FISCAL IMPACT

Rejecting bids for this project, which is located in Council District 4, and 7, will not impact the General Fund. The project is funded by Congestion Air Quality Mitigation Program grant funds and Prop 111 Gas Tax funds. There are no General Fund dollars used on this project.

EVALUATION OF BID PROPOSALS

FOR: ASHLAN AVENUE WIRELESS I.T.S. PROJECT FROM BLACKSTONE TO PEACH

Bid File No. 3295
Bid Opening: January 7, 2014

<u>BIDDER'S</u>		<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
1. CROSSTOWN ELECTRICAL & DATA INC. 5463 DIAZ STREET IRWINDALE CA 91706	BASE BID ADD ALTERNATE 1 ADD ALTERNATE 2 TOTAL BASE BID AND ADD ALTERNATES 1 & 2	\$515,480.00 \$47,405.00 \$6,500.00 \$569,385.00
2. SEBASTIAN 7600 N PALM AVENUE FRESNO CA 93711	BASE BID ADD ALTERNATE 1 ADD ALTERNATE 2 TOTAL BASE BID AND ADD ALTERNATES 1 & 2	\$629,308.50 \$42,885.00 \$6,563.00 \$678,756.50

Each bidder has agreed to allow the City sixty-four (64) 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, January 29, 2014, 5:00 P.M.

The Engineer's Estimate for this expenditure is \$ 475,000.00. The contract price is 8 % above 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 signalized intersections along Ashlan Avenue from Blackstone to Peach Avenue operate independently without synchronization that contributes to congestion and higher emissions during peak hours. The Ashlan Avenue Wireless ITS Project will construct wireless communication system, install 2070L controllers, install communication cabinets, and advance networking technologies to synchronize the corridor. This will increase mobility and overall drive quality while reducing fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.

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DEPARTMENT CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATION:

Award a contract in the amount of \$ _____
to _____
as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Remarks:

Reject all bids. Reason:
Contractor qualification requirements were incorrectly included in the bid documents specifications without a corresponding requirement on the Bidder's Checklist, there by rendering all bids as non-responsive.

Department Head Approval



Title Asst. Director

Date 4/30/14

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POSTED TO THE PROJECT WEBSITE

A DBE goal of 9 % was established for this project. The recommended Contractor complied with the DBE requirements pursuant to the bid specifications.

Beth Donald

DBE Program Coordinator

Date

Approve Dept. Recommendation

Approve Finance/Purchasing Recommendation

Disapprove

Disapprove

See Attachment

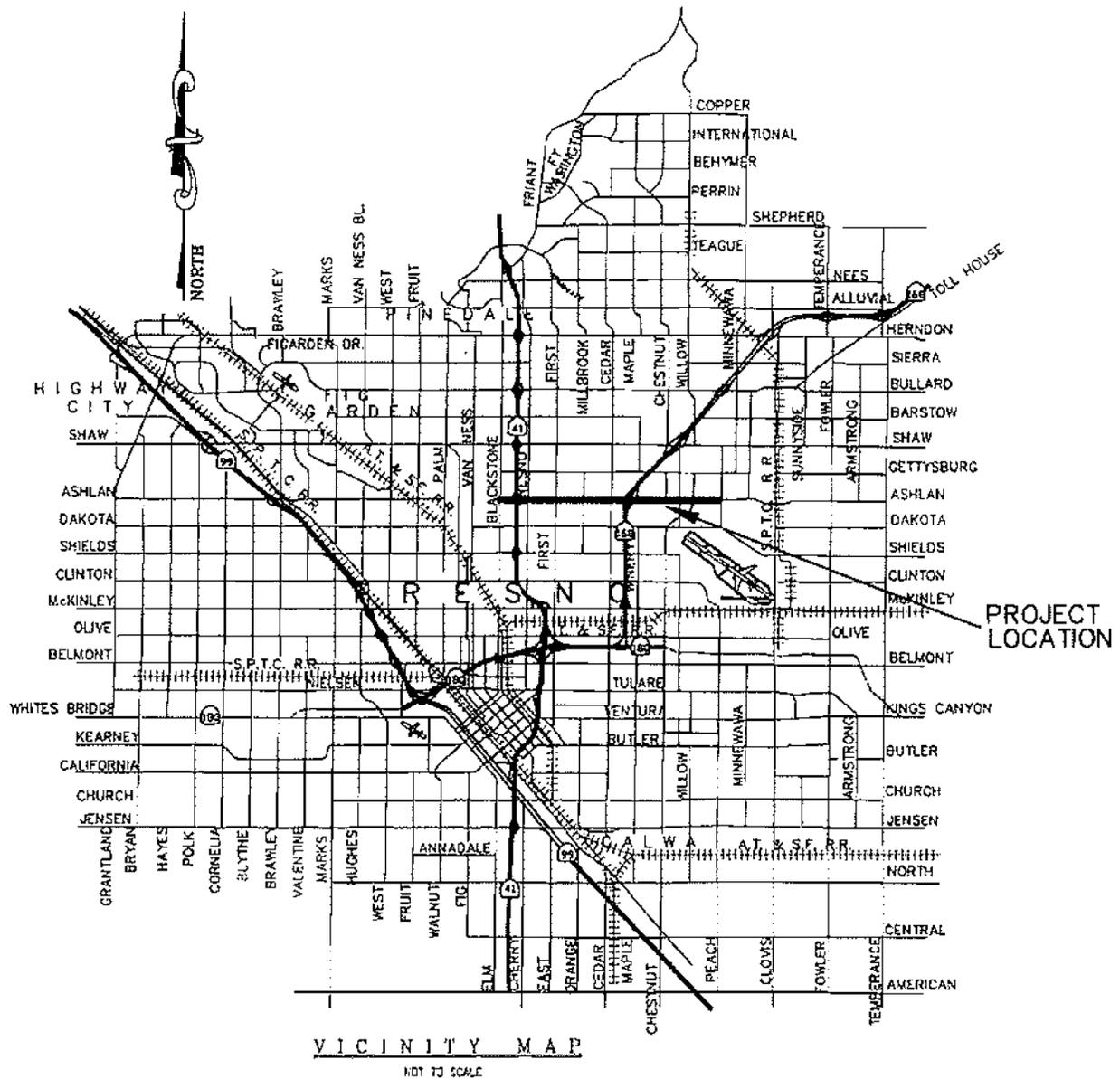
FINANCE DEPARTMENT

CITY MANAGER

Jason McDonald 1/31/2014
Purchasing Manager Date

Steve Lee 2/4/14
City Manager or Designee Date

Jason Bradley 1/31/2014
Assistant Controller Date



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