

June 26, 2007

AGENDA ITEM NO.
COUNCIL MEETING: <u>06/26/07</u>
APPROVED BY _____
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR _____
CITY MANAGER _____

FROM: JON R. RUIZ, Interim Director
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SUBJECT: REJECT ALL BIDS FOR EATON TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS RE-BID,
WOODWARD PARK (BID FILE NO. 2708-10517)
(COUNCIL DISTRICT 6)

KEY RESULT AREA

One Fresno

RECOMMENDATIONS

Reject all bids for Eaton Trail improvements Re-Bid, Woodward Park.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Staff recommends that Council reject all bids for Eaton Trail Improvements Re-Bid, Woodward Park. Three bids were received and opened on May 10, 2007. The lowest base bid was \$841,596.00; however, the bid exceeds the project's construction allocation by 37%. Much of the increased costs were based on building cost increases on elements such as structural concrete, electrical and prefabricated structures.

KEY OBJECTIVE BALANCE

The recommended action achieves the key objective of Financial Management by rejecting all bids and adjusting the scope of the project to meet the available grant funding.

The project is located within the boundary of City Council District 6.

BACKGROUND

In 2002, the City of Fresno was awarded an \$830,000.00 Wildlife Conservation Board Grant to construct the Lewis S. Eaton Trail Improvements within and immediately outside of Woodward

Park. The project consists of a "gateway" feature which welcomes visitors to the San Joaquin River Parkway, restrooms, a picnic shelter, and interpretive displays to improve the heavily used hiking, biking and equestrian trail. The project will create a primary trailhead to the Lewis S. Eaton Trail, and is designed to be a prototype for highlighting and unifying Parkway public access facilities.

This is the second attempt to bid this scope of work. Based on the first bid of \$1,145,791.00 some concrete sidewalks, retaining walls, irrigation and planting were included as add-alternates in an attempt to award a base bid within in the grant budget. However, this second bid also exceeded the project grant budget by a significant portion. Parks, Recreation and Community Services and Public Works have discussed this situation with the San Joaquin River Parkway Conservancy, and all have decided to remove the planned picnic shelter and keep all other planned improvements. The re-scoped project will be re-bid within 30 days.

Specifications were prepared and a Notice Inviting Bids was published in the Business Journal on April 11, 2007, and posted onto the City's web site. The specifications were distributed to 16 prospective bidders and circulated throughout 12 various building exchanges. Three sealed bid proposals were received and opened in a public bid opening on May 10, 2007, with base bids ranging from \$841,596.00 to \$1,064,689.00.

FISCAL IMPACT

There will be no impact to the General Fund due to rejection of bids.

JRR/SK/AA/eam
Eaton Trail 2708 Rejection 6-26-07

Attachment: Evaluation of Bid Proposals

EVALUATION OF BID PROPOSALS

FOR: EATON TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS WOODWARD PARK RE-BID

Bid File No. 2708
Bid Opening: May 10, 2007

<u>BIDDERS'S</u>		<u>TOTAL NET BID AMOUNT</u>
1. Elite Landscaping Inc. 2972 Larkin Clovis CA 93612	Base Bid Add Alternate No. 1 Add Alternate No. 2 Add Alternate No. 3	\$841,596 \$177,500 \$65,000 \$49,000
2. Granite Construction Company P.O. Box 50085 Watsonville CA 95077-5085	Base Bid Add Alternate No. 1 Add Alternate No. 2 Add Alternate No. 3	\$897,070 \$97,000 \$60,000 \$32,000
3. Davis Moreno Const. Inc. 4720 N Blythe Ave Fresno CA 93722	Base Bid Add Alternate No. 1 Add Alternate No. 2 Add Alternate No. 3	\$1,064,689 \$157,380 \$41,999 \$52,444

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, June 6, 2007, 5:00 P.M.

The Engineer's Estimate for this expenditure is \$532,459.00. The contract price is 37% above the Engineer's Estimate. If the overage is greater than 10% or only one bid was received, give explanation:

Building material cost increases since the project was initially budgeted are the main cause of bids exceeding the construction allocation in the grant. Evaluation of the bids indicated that much of the costs exceeded the estimates were building elements such as structural concrete, electrical work and prefabricated structures.

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

In 2002, the City of Fresno was awarded a Wildlife Conservation Board Grant to construct the Lewis S. Eaton Trail Improvements within and immediately outside of Woodward Park. The scope of the grant was to construct a trail use staging area within the Park to include a restroom, pavilion, concrete improvements and landscape/irrigation to support the existing trail. Also the grant included funds to construct a "kiosk" to provide information about the San Joaquin River and Woodward Park. Just outside of the Park, the grant scope included replacing an existing temporary restroom with a self contained vault type restroom. Based on this description, the project was developed to include the installation of two restrooms, one at Woodward Park and the other along the Lewis S. Eaton trail, miscellaneous concrete improvements (including the Kiosk), a picnic pavilion, various landscaping, and associated irrigation system.

EVALUATION OF BID PROPOSALS

FOR: EATON TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS WOODWARD PARK RE-BID

Bid File No. 2708
Bid Opening: May 10, 2007

DEPARTMENT CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATION:

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

Remarks:

Reject all bids. Reason: The project will be re-designed and re-bid with a reduced scope and costs that are anticipated it be within the grant funding limits.

Department Head Approval



Title: Assistant Director/City Engineer

Date: 6-21-07

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

GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

CITY MANAGER


Purchasing Manager Date


City Manager or Designee Date


Director Date