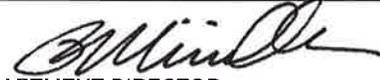


AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 Y

COUNCIL MEETING 6/3/2010

APPROVED BY



DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

CITY MANAGER

June 3, 2010

FROM: PATRICK N. WIEMILLER, Public Works Director
Public Works Department

BY: EFREN BAÑUELOS, Assistant Director 
Public Works Department, Capital Management Division

RANDALL MORRISON, Project Manager 
Public Works Department, Capital Management Division

SUBJECT: 1. ADOPT FINDING OF A CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15304 (b) FOR THE INSTALLATION OF MEDIAN ISLAND LANDSCAPING ALONG SHIELDS AVENUE FROM FRESNO STREET TO FREEWAY 41 (LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 7).

2. AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH ELITE LANDSCAPING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$215,355.35 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SHIELDS AVENUE MEDIAN ISLAND XERISCAPE PROJECT, BID FILE NO. 3010-11040 (LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 7).

RECOMMENDATION

1. Adopt finding of a Class 4 Categorical Exemption, pursuant to CEQA guidelines, 15304 (b), related to new landscaping and replacement of existing conventional landscaping with water efficient landscaping, on the Shields Avenue Median Island from Fresno Street to Freeway 41..
2. Award a construction contract in the amount of \$215,355.35 to Elite Landscaping, Inc., of Clovis, CA, as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the construction of the Shields Avenue Median Island Xeriscape Project and to authorize the Public Works Director, or his designee, to sign the contract, on the City's behalf.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Fresno, Public Works Department and Department of Public Utilities, seeks to landscape the Shields Avenue Median Island from Fresno Street to Freeway 41, as a water conservation pilot project. The Public Works Department has worked with Robert Boro Landscape Architects to design and prepare plans and specifications for the Shields Avenue Median Island Xeriscape Project. The proposed improvements will include various Xeriscape landscaping plants and trees, decorative hardscapes, boulders, and irrigation systems. The City of Fresno Water Division plans to use this project to demonstrate to the community ways to conserve water with various landscaping methods. During the design of the project, staff determined that this project is considered Categorical Exempt per CEQA Guidelines, Section 15304 (b), and poses no direct threat to the environment.

On May 6, 2010, four sealed bids were received and opened by the Purchasing Department. Based on the sealed bids, Elite Landscaping, Inc., of Clovis, CA, was determined to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Staff recommends that the construction contract in the amount of \$215,355.35 be awarded to Elite Landscaping Inc., of Clovis, CA, to construct the Shields Avenue Median Island Xeriscape Project and to authorize the Public Works Director, or his designee to sign and execute the contract on behalf of the City of Fresno. This Project is located within the boundaries of City Council District 7.

BACKGROUND

CEQA Finding

Staff has performed a preliminary environmental assessment of this project and has determined that it falls within the Class 4 Categorical Exemption set forth in CEQA Guidelines, section 15304(b) as this contract is for the installation of new landscaping and the replacement of existing conventional landscaping with water efficient landscaping in an existing median island on Shields Avenue between Fresno Street and Freeway 41. The proposed improvements will not result in the expansion of capacity of Shields Avenue. Furthermore, none of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines, section 15300.2 apply to this project.

Need for Project

The City of Fresno Public Works Department and Public Utilities Department have teamed up to complete this pilot project to serve as a City and community demonstration project that will evaluate the benefits and effectiveness of Xeriscape plant landscaping. The Public Utilities Department, Water Division will use this project to examine water conservation methods, utilization of various plants to enhance an area through the incorporation of low water consuming trees and plants, and appropriate irrigation systems. The Public Works department has provided the project management and worked to obtain grant funding from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL Fire) in order to complete the construction of this project. The CAL Fire grant will cover \$162,092.00 of the construction contract. Staff has worked with Robert Boro Landscape Architects, through a council approved agreement, to prepare plans and specifications for this project. This project will install various Xeriscape landscaping plants and trees, along with decorative hardscapes, boulders, and water conserving irrigation systems along the Median Island of Shield Avenue between Fresno Street and Freeway 41.

Construction Documents and Specifications were prepared and a Notice Inviting Bids was published in the Business Journal on April 16, 2010, posted on the City's website and faxed to six building exchanges. The specifications and plans were distributed to six prospective bidders. Six sealed bid proposals were received and opened in a public bid opening on May 6, 2010 with the bids ranging from \$215,355.35 to \$313,885.01.

Elite Landscaping, Inc. of Clovis, California, submitted the lowest bid price in the amount of \$215,355.35 and is considered the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The bid results were posted on May 24, 2010 on the City of Fresno, Purchasing Department's web page. Staff is therefore

recommending award of a construction contract to Elite Landscaping, Inc. in the amount of \$215,355.35 to construct the Shields Avenue Median Island Xeriscape Project and to authorize the Public Works Director, or his designee to sign and execute the contract on behalf of the City of Fresno.

The Council may:

- A. Adopt Categorical Exemption pursuant to Section 15304 (b) related to new landscaping and replacement of existing conventional landscaping with water efficient landscaping, on the Shields Avenue Median Island from Fresno Street to Freeway 41.

Award a construction contract in the amount of \$215,355.35 to Elite Landscaping, Inc., of Clovis, CA, as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the construction of the Shields Avenue Median Island Xeriscape Project and to authorize the Public Works Director, or his designee, to sign the contract, on the City's behalf; or

- B. Reject all bids.

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

However, in the event that all bids are rejected, a minimum of 60 days is required to rebid this project.

FISCAL IMPACT

Project funding comes from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Grant Funding and City of Fresno Water Enterprise Fund. The CAL Fire grant is \$162,092.00.

Attachments:

- Evaluation of Bid Proposals
- Fiscal Impact Statement
- Vicinity Map

EVALUATION OF BID PROPOSALS

FOR: SHIELDS AVENUE MEIDAN ISLAND XERISCAPE

Bid File No. 3010
Bid Opening: 5/6/10

BIDDER'S	TOTAL NET BID AMOUNT
Elite Landscaping 2972 Larkin Ave Clovis, CA 93612	\$215,355.35
Precision Analytical, Inc. 321 19 th St Bakersfield, CA 93301	\$230,457.65
Hobbs Construction 20296 Ventana Hills Dr Clovis, CA 93619	\$238,472.50
Witbro Inc. 959 Clovis Ave Clovis, CA 93612	\$242,496.00
American Paving Co. P.O. Box 4348 Fresno, CA 93744	\$257,848.90
Rock Bottom, Inc. 2724 Landco Drive Bakersfield, CA 93308	\$313,885.01

Each bidder has agreed to allow the City thirty (30) 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 2, 2010, 5:00 P.M.

The Budget Allocation for this expenditure is \$ 210,000.00. The contract price is 2.5% above the Budget Allocation. 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):

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EVALUATION OF BID PROPOSALS

FOR: SHIELDS AVENUE MEIDAN ISLAND XERISCAPE

Bid File No. 3010
Bid Opening: 5/6/10

DEPARTMENT CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATION:

Award a contract in the amount of \$ 215,355.35 to Elite Landscaping Inc.
as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Remarks:

Reject all bids. Reason:

Department Head Approval

Eileen Bonnicelli
Title Asst PW Director
Date 5/17/10

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve Dept. Recommendation | <input type="checkbox"/> Approve GSD/Purchasing Recommendation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove | <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove |
| <input type="checkbox"/> See Attachment | |

GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

CITY MANAGER

Justin B. MacDonald 5/17/2010
Purchasing Manager Date

K. Herland 5/18/10
Director Date

[Signature] 5/20/10
City Manager or Designee Date

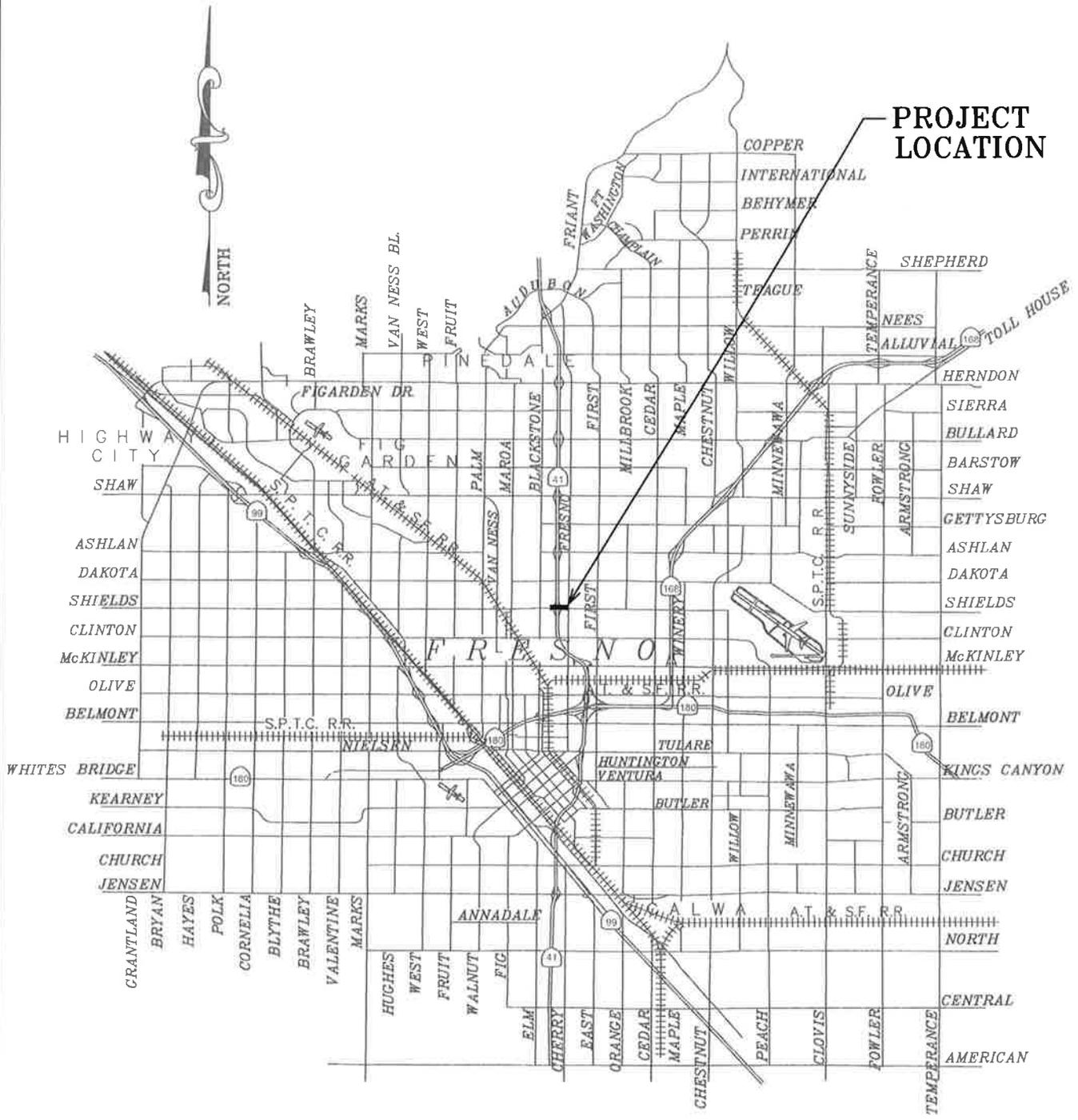
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

PROGRAM: WC00060 Shields Avenue Median Island Xeriscape

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>	<u>TOTAL OR CURRENT</u>	<u>ANNUALIZED COST</u>
Direct Cost	<u>\$215,355.35</u>	_____
Indirect Cost	<u>\$55,000.00*</u>	_____
TOTAL COST	<u>\$270,355.35</u>	_____
Additional Revenue or Savings Generated	_____	_____
Net City Cost	<u>\$270,355.35</u>	_____
Amount Budgeted (If none budgeted, identify source)	<u>\$270,355.35</u>	_____

* Indirect costs are comprised of the following:

Contract Administration	\$5,000
Construction Engineering	\$23,000
Project Closeout	\$2,000
Contingency	<u>\$25,000</u>
TOTAL	\$55,000



CITY OF FRESNO - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

**SHIELDS AVENUE MEDIAN ISLAND XERISCAPE
FROM FRESNO STREET TO FREEWAY 41**

**PROJECT VICINITY MAP
NOT TO SCALE**

COUNCIL DISTRICT

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DATE:

JUNE 3, 2010