



City Council

Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Lisa Wallis-Dutra, City Engineer, QK Inc.

THROUGH: John Jansons, City Manager

DATE: September 12, 2016

SUBJECT: Visalia Road Improvement Project - Bid Award Recommendation

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is respectfully recommended that the City Council review and accept the low bid from Emmett’s Excavation, Inc. in the amount of \$3,346,588.00 for the Visalia Road Improvement Project.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Farmersville was awarded Measure R funding through Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) for the improvement of Visalia Road throughout its length within the Farmersville City limits. QK Inc. prepared plans and specifications in conformance with Measure R requirements and the City’s needs.

DISCUSSION:

On August 18, 2016, four contractors submitted bids for the project. Emmett’s Excavation, Inc., submitted the lowest responsive bid of \$3,346,588.00.

The following is a summary of the bids that were received:

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| Emmett’s Excavation, Inc.: | \$3,346,588.00 |
| Bush Engineering, Inc. | \$3,631,090.00 |
| Central Valley Asphalt | \$3,779,100.00 |
| Lee’s Paving, Inc. | \$3,886,802.40 |

The Engineer’s Opinion of Probable Construction Cost was \$4,280,936.10.

COORDINATION & REVIEW:

A bid irregularity was identified on the apparent low bidder’s bid proposal. The Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) registration for one of the bidder’s sub-contractors had expired. However, the sub-contractor was contacted and the DIR was subsequently renewed. This is not considered a violation.

After careful review of the apparent low bid and staff having verified the contractor's submittal, contractor's license status, public works contractor DIR registration, and bonding company license status, it is recommended that the Council award the project to the apparent low bidder, Emmett's Excavation, Inc., in the amount of \$3,346,588.00.

ALTERNATIVES:

The City Council may choose to accept the low bid of \$3,346,588.00 or reject all bids and direct staff to present alternatives.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This project is financed using Measure R local funds from the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG).

NEXT STEPS:

Upon authorization of City Council, staff will begin to prepare contractual documents with the Contractor(s) and identify necessary items and steps toward a start date and mobilization, returning to City Council in future to request approval final contract documents.

Similarly, the City has received a scope of work and cost estimate for Construction Management services in support of this project and upon final negotiations and document preparation, staff will present an Authorization to Proceed for a Task Order Assignment for the Construction Management services associated with this project.

CONCLUSION:

It is respectfully recommended that the City Council reviews and accepts the low bid from Emmett's Excavation, Inc. in the amount of \$3,346,588.00.

Respectfully Recommended By:

Approved By:

Lisa Wallis-Dutra
City Engineer – QK Inc.



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City Manager