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TO: City Council
FROM: Drew Corbett, City Manager
PREPARED BY: Public Works Department
MEETING DATE: October 07, 2019
SUBJECT:
San Mateo Downtown Parking Technology Project - Agreement

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve an agreement with IPS Group, Inc., for construction of parking technology improvements for the San Mateo Downtown Parking Technology Project in the amount of \$1,459,404.85; establish a contingency reserve in the amount of \$218,910.73; and authorize the Public Works Director to execute the agreement in substantially the form presented and issue change orders within the contingency amount.

BACKGROUND:

The City of San Mateo was awarded funding through the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for the San Mateo Downtown Parking Technology Project in 2015. The City received \$1.5 million in funding from MTC and an additional \$500,000 in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) funding from a previously awarded grant. City matching funds in the amount of \$500,000 bring the total project budget to \$2.5 million. The project aims to implement parking technology improvements throughout the Downtown core including new parking pay stations and single-space parking meters for on and off-street parking assets, real-time parking occupancy data for Downtown parking garages, and wayfinding signage including static directional signage and dynamic signage displaying real-time parking availability.

The project was previously advertised in November 2017, January 2018, and July 2018. No bids were received as of the closing date for the initial advertisement. The two subsequent advertisements resulted in all bids being rejected by San Mateo City Council due to non-compliance with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)'s Buy America provisions and contract book language irregularities, respectively.

The Project was advertised for construction on March 3, 2019. Bids were opened on April 30, 2019. The engineer's estimate was \$2,319,000. Two bids were received and are listed below.

Contractor	Domestic Materials Bid Amount	Foreign Materials Bid Amount
IPS Group, Inc.	\$2,078,901.85	\$1,459,404.85
Suarez & Munoz Construction Inc.	\$4,642,000.00	\$4,642,000.00

As a federally funded project, this work is subject to the FHWA Buy America requirements for steel and iron materials. Pursuant to discussion with legal counsel, Caltrans, and FHWA, staff implemented the Buy America alternate bid process. Under this process, bidders are required to submit bids based on the use of domestic steel and iron materials. Bidders are given the option to submit bids based on the use of foreign steel and iron materials as well. If the lowest total bid with domestic steel and iron is at least 25 percent more than the lowest total bid with foreign sourced steel and iron, the City may award to the bid utilizing foreign materials.

Per the FHWA Buy America alternate bid process, the lowest total bid utilizing domestic steel and iron was 42 percent more than the lowest total bid using foreign materials, satisfying the requirement for justification of the use of foreign steel and iron materials.

After review of the bid documents submitted by IPS Group, Inc., staff determined that its bid is the lowest responsible and responsive bid. Therefore, staff recommends awarding to IPS Group, Inc. for their bid utilizing foreign steel and iron materials.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Sufficient funding for this agreement and contingency is available in the San Mateo Downtown Parking Technology project account, 461009. This project is partially funded by federal grant funds through the MTC Climate Initiatives grant program.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

This project is categorically exempt from CEQA as an “existing facility,” because it consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use. (CEQA Guidelines Section 15301.)

NOTICE PROVIDED

All meeting noticing requirements were met.

ATTACHMENTS

Att 1 - Agreement

Att 2 - Bid Summary

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