

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 01-438

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY - RENOVATION AND EXPANSION (#1504C)
PREQUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT

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General Manager

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Approve seven (7) general contractors as having met the minimum requirements of "The Prequalification Criteria," in order to be the sole bidders on the Project, as follows; and:
 - (a) S.J. Amoroso Construction Co., Inc.
 - (b) The Clark Construction Group, Inc.
 - (c) Morley Construction Co.
 - (d) Solpac Inc., dba Soltek Pacific
 - (e) Swinerton Builders, Inc.
 - (f) Turner Construction Co.
 - (g) Tutor-Saliba Corp.
2. Authorize the Department staff to defer determination of "The Contractor Responsibility Questionnaire," per Ordinance 173677, until receipt of bids.

SUMMARY:

In accordance with Los Angeles City Charter, Section 375, as enacted by Ordinance, contracting authorities issuing bid specifications or requests for proposals for the purchase of services or goods may prequalify bidders or proposers by using specific criteria when the contracting authority makes a written finding that utilizing a prequalification process would benefit the City. On August 8, 2001, the Board found that the prequalification of bidders or proposers for the construction of the Griffith Observatory Renovation and Expansion Project (#1504C) would benefit the City and in particular the Department of Recreation and Parks, as outlined in Board Report No. 01-276.

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On September 5, 2001, the Board approved "The Department's Request for General Contractor Prequalification" (RFQ) and authorized the Department's staff to evaluate potential bidders based on the criteria established in the document, as outlined in Board Report No. 01-318. Upon staff's evaluation of the RFQ, staff would return to the Board with a list of contractors qualified to bid on the project.

The RFQ was comprised of two (2) major components:

- 1) "The Prequalification Criteria" (page 2 of the RFQ); and,
- 2) "The Contractor Responsibility Questionnaire" (page 22 of the RFQ).

The seven (7) general contractors, as outlined in the body of this report, submitted responses to the RFQ, and all met the minimum point score of "The Prequalification Criteria," which included minimum requirements for general contractor's license, personnel experience, bonding capacity, insurance capacity, safety record, financial statements, and relevant construction experience. Staff's recommendation of the seven general contractor's suitability to be permitted to submit a bid on the project was based on this objective evaluation.

On November 21, 2000, the City passed Ordinance 173677 in order to establish a contractor responsibility program. The City of Los Angeles Contractor Responsibility Program requires the City to make a determination as to the responsibility of the contractor to whom the contract may be awarded. Such determination is made by the Board from reliable information concerning several areas of technical competence, management ability, satisfactory record of compliance with relevant laws and regulations, and a satisfactory record of business integrity. The Ordinance requires each bidder to submit "The Contractor Responsibility Questionnaire" along with its bid.

Although a copy of "The Contractor Responsibility Questionnaire" was included in the RFQ, issues relating to responsibility during the prequalification evaluation process are not considered at this time. Responsibility issues will be deferred until the receipt of bids. Each bidder will be required to update and resubmit the questionnaire at the time of bid as required by Ordinance 173677. At that time, prior to award, the responsibility of the bidder, to whom the contract will be proposed to be awarded, will be determined. In accordance with Ordinance 173677, any bidder to whom award of the contract is proposed, but is alleged by the Department to be non-responsible, is entitled to a hearing before the Board to resolve the question of responsibility.

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