



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER
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Agenda Number:

Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: April 19, 2016
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director: Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Department, 568-3010
Contact Info: Chris Sneddon, Deputy Director, Transportation, 568-3064
SUBJECT: **Environmental Services for the Construction of Bonita School Road Bridge Replacement, County Project No. 862367; Third and Fifth Supervisorial Districts**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached Contract for Environmental Services with Padre and Associates Inc. to complete the environmental documentation required for the construction of Bonita School Road Bridge 51C-230 replacement over the Santa Maria River; for a base contract amount not to exceed \$105,549; with a 10% contingency of \$10,555, for a total project amount not to exceed \$116,104;
- b) Authorize the Director of Public Works or designee to approve changes or additions in the services being performed in an amount not to exceed \$10,555; and
- c) Find that the proposed contract, does not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to 14 CCR 15378 (b)(5) (Organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.), and approve and direct staff to file the attached Notice of Exemption on that basis.

Summary Text:

The existing Bridge No. 51C-230 over the Santa Maria River is a two lane, 323' long 9 span railroad flatcar bridge that is structurally deficient and needs to be replaced. The crossing also includes a 2,000' long southerly approach fill roadway. An environmental services contract is required to begin the environmental clearance process to ultimately replace the structure and the roadway.

On February 1, 2016 the Public Works Department advertised a Notice for Request for Proposals online with the Public Works web site seeking professional environmental consultant services. Ten environmental consulting firms submitted proposals. All ten proposals were evaluated using a selection process described in the request for proposal. Padre and Associates Inc. ranked the highest. The other nine consulting firms were notified and provided an opportunity to be debriefed about their proposals and scoring. Six firms took the opportunity to be debriefed about their proposals. Staff recommends awarding the contract to Padre and Associates Inc. on the basis of their demonstrated competence and professional qualifications.

Background:

Where Bonita School Road crosses the Santa Maria River, the river is roughly 2,300' wide and is bounded by levees on each bank. The previous low water crossing was replaced with salvaged railroad flatcar bridge elements with a long approach fill roadway in the river channel, which would intentionally be breached during a high flow event. For most of the year, this crossing is dry and available to public traffic. However, during events of high flows brought about by precipitation this segment of the road is breached making it impassable to traffic. During these storm events the roadway is monitored and at the appropriate time the roadway is closed to through traffic. The detour route for either traffic direction is approximately 13 miles using Bonita School Road, State Highways 166 and 1. The current bridge is structurally deficient. Due to the deficiencies and structure type, it is not prudent to rehabilitate, thus replacement is the preferred alternative. Also, railroad flatcar bridges are no longer eligible for Highway Bridge Program (HBP) funds.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

	Contract Amount	
HBP	\$	102,787
Toll Credit	\$	13,317
	\$	116,104

Narrative:

This project will be reimbursed 88.53% through Federal HBP and 11.47% through Toll Credit funds. The total cost for the environmental services is estimated not to exceed \$116,104. Funds for this project are budgeted in Fund 0017, Org Unit 0600, Program 2830, Department 054, and Account 7460.

Special Instructions:

Please forward a certified, stamped Minute Order approving these recommendations, and two original executed contracts to Blair Gilbertson in the Public Works Department, Transportation Admin, 123 E. Anapamu Street, 568-3094, one executed original contract to be filed with the Clerk of the Board.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Vicinity Map for the Bonita School Road Bridge Replacement project

Attachment B: Notice of Exemption

Attachment C: Contract Summary

Attachment D: Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor (Consultant Proposal and Cost attached) (3 original)

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