

# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA LETTER

**Agenda Number:** 

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors 105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407 Santa Barbara, CA 93101

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**Department Name:** General Services

Department No.: 063

For Agenda Of: October 17, 2017

Placement: Administrative

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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**SUBJECT:** Santa Ynez Valley Airport Improvement Program Grant 16 (AIP 16) Project

#8763 - Award Construction Contract for Airfield Safety Grading and Vehicle

**Access Control Gates; Third District** 

**County Counsel Concurrence** 

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence** 

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Santa Ynez Airport Authority

As to form: Yes

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#### **Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve the plans and specifications for construction of the Santa Ynez Valley Airport AIP 16 project on file in the General Services Capital Projects office;
- b) Grant Souza Construction relief from their bid obligation in accordance with California Public Contracts Code section 5101, due to a mathematical error in completing their bid form;
- c) Approve and direct the Chair to execute the attached construction contract in the base amount of \$1,194,828.00 to the next lowest responsible bidder, G. Sosa Construction, Inc., subject to the provisions of the documents and certifications as set forth in the plans and specifications applicable to the project and as required by California Law;
- d) Authorize the Director of General Services to approve change orders in an amount not to exceed \$72,241.40 as authorized under California Public Contract Code Section 20142; and
- e) Find that the project was determined by your Board to be exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c) on March 14, 2017, that a Notice of Exemption was filed on that basis, and that the above actions are within the scope of that Notice of Exemption.

# **Summary Text:**

This item is being brought to the Board in order to comply with the requirements for FAA Grant Agreement No. 3-06-0243-016-2017. The project, known as AIP 16, will maintain and modernize the Santa Ynez Valley Airport (Airport) facilities, and has been proposed by the Santa Ynez Valley Airport Authority (SYVAA) which manages the airport under lease on behalf of the County. At this time, the bidding phase is complete, and General Services is prepared to execute a construction contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

### **Background:**

The AIP 16 Project's scope of work includes safety grading in the infield area between the runway and parallel taxiway, around the entire runway, including Runway Safety Areas off each end of the runway, and to the limits of the taxiway safety area for all taxiways and aprons, in addition to minor improvements and alteration to drainage structures to enhance function and reduce obstruction hazards. Work will also include adjusting the elevation of some edge lights and guidance signs, and installation of automatic vehicle access control gates to enhance airport security.

On August 2, 2017 General Services received nine (9) bids, with Souza Construction the apparent low bidder, with a bid of \$829,845.00. Within 24 hours of the bid opening, Souza Construction notified the County in writing that their bid reflected a mathematical error, and that as a result they were requesting relief of their bid under the relevant sections of the California Public Contract Code (PCC). Souza Construction further explained that they made an error on two bid items in their unit price bid, mistaking square yards as square feet, resulting in their bid being dramatically lower than the other eight (8) bids received.

Staff has reviewed the information provided by Souza Construction, found it to be consistent with a mathematical error in calculating the bid amount as described, and thus recommends relieving Souza Construction of their bid in accordance with PCC Section 5101. PCC Section 5106 allows the County, if it deems it is for its best interest and upon refusal or failure of the successful bidder to execute the contract, to award it to the second lowest bidder. Staff recommends that the Board therefore award a construction contract to the second lowest bidder, G. Sosa Construction, Inc. The Contractor's bid of \$1,194,828.00 is ten percent (10%) higher than the engineer's estimate for this project, but determined to be within an acceptable range. The total project cost is estimated at \$1,694,628.00. Approval of the recommended actions will allow construction to commence, with a projected completion by summer 2018.

### CEQA:

A CEQA categorical exemption was approved by the Board for this project on March 14, 2017, as it consists of maintenance, repair and alteration of an existing public structure with no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (c). A National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) categorical exclusion document has been submitted to and approved by the FAA under similar justification.

# **Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

# **Fiscal Analysis:**

Funding Sources	Current FY Cost:	Annualized On-going Cost:	Total One-Time Project Cost
State	\$ 74,008.00		\$ 76,258.00
Federal	\$ 1,480,165.00		\$ 1,525,165.00
Other (SYAA)	\$ 90,455.00		\$ 93,205.00
Total	\$ 1,644,628.00	\$ -	\$ 1,694,628.00

#### Narrative:

Funding is provided by grants from the FAA, State AIP Matching Grant from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) - Aeronautics Program, and a local match from the SYVAA. Ninety percent, or \$1,525,165.00 is funded by the FAA. The SYVAA pays the remaining ten percent (10%), \$169,463.00, in accordance with the lease agreement between the County and the SYVAA. The FAA grant agreement has been executed. The Caltrans portion has been applied for and, if granted, may reimburse the SYVAA 4.5% of the project cost (\$76,258.00). No County funding is required for on this project.

The overall project is estimated to cost \$1,694,628.00 with \$1,644,628.00 estimated to be spent in FY 2017-18 and the remainder in FY 2018-19. General Services, Special Aviation Fund 0052, currently has \$1,159,100.00 budgeted in FY 2017-18. As FY 2017-18 develops and the project progresses, a subsequent budget revision will be submitted to align the budget with the project costs and available funding.

This project was recommended for funding in FY 2017-18 of the Airport Capital Improvement Program (ACIP). Funds will be available in Fund 0052, Dept. 063, Account 8200, Program 1920, Project 8763.

# **Key Contract Risks:**

Since FAA and Caltrans funding availability varies from year to year, the FAA and SYVAA work to prioritize the ACIP projects and to queue the projects accordingly. The opportunity to take advantage of these grant funded projects must be accomplished when offered, or the needed airport improvement projects will become delayed until future grant offers are available.

# **Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:** FTEs 0

### **Special Instructions:**

Please send one (1) copy of the Minute Order, and (2) duplicate executed originals of the Construction Contract to Todd Morrison, GS Capital Projects, Courthouse East Wing.

#### **Attachments:**

- 1. Three (3) duplicate original construction contracts
- 2. CEQA Exemption

# **Authored by:**

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