

FOR: BRIDGE PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM PHASE II

Bid File No. 12400024
Bid Opening: 9/12/2023

BIDDERS

TOTAL NET BID AMOUNT

1. American Paving Co
P.O. Box 27587
Fresno, CA 93729

\$1,734,300.00

Each bidder has agreed to allow the City sixty-four (64) days from date bids are opened to accept or reject their bid proposal. Purchasing requests that you complete the following sections and return this bid evaluation to the Purchasing Division at the latest by Monday, October 23, 2023 5:00 P.M.

The Engineer's Estimate allocation for this expenditure is \$891,740.00. The contract price is 94.5% above the Engineer's Estimate/Budget Allocation. If the overage is greater than 10% or only one bid was received, give explanation:

An explanation is provided in the Department Conclusions and Recommendation, below.

BACKGROUND OF PROJECT (To be completed by Evaluating Department/Division. Explain need for project):

Providing bridge preventive maintenance services, including channel lining where scour has occurred under existing abutments, place methacrylate deck treatment on the bridge deck, placement of rock slope protection upstream and downstream at three locations throughout Fresno. The bridges are:

- First Street Bridge (Br. No. 42C0198) over Dry Creek, south of McKinley.
- Maple Avenue Bridge (Br. No. 42C0217) over Mill Ditch, south of McKinley.
- Millbrook Avenue Bridge (Br. No. 42C0611) over Mill Ditch, at McKinley.

These preventative maintenance services will extend the life of these bridges.

DEPARTMENT CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATION:

Award a contract in the amount of
to as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Remarks:

Reject all bids. Reason:

Staff evaluated the bid submission for this project and has concluded that the bid received for this project is significantly higher than anticipated; 94.5% above the engineer's estimate. The significant increase in the bid cost can be attributed to the project specification bid item, 'FID Coordination and Bypass Operations.' This specification was included due to the historic wet

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season experienced earlier this year and the anticipated water retention projected in the canal from snowpack melt runoff during the Fresno Irrigation District (FID) dry season, which spans from November 01, 2023, to February 15, 2024. Minimum flow rates as well as varying flow rate scenarios for the First Street Bridge (Br. No. 42C0198) and Maple Avenue Bridge (Br. No. 42C0217) locations were provided by FID and included into the project specifications that the contractors needed to consider in their bid cost. Due to the uncertainty of the canal's water flow during FID dry season as well as considering the varying flow rate scenarios, accurately estimating a cost for the bypass work presented a significant challenge to the contractor during the bid phase process.

The reason for receiving only one bid is a result of the specialized nature of projects within the Bridge Preventive Maintenance Program. These projects predominantly involve intricate work within canal channels, canal crossings, and coordination with the Fresno Irrigation District. Moreover, this project includes the mentioned bypass work, further adding to the specialized nature of the project that only a select few contractors might have the required experience to perform.

In conclusion, to secure a successful bid, staff will reevaluate the construction scope of work, dry season conditions, and FID requirements. Therefore, staff recommends that the Council reject the current bid and direct staff to rebid the project.

Department Head Approval



Title Director

Date 10/12/2023

EVALUATION OF BID PROPOSALS

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DBE requirements pursuant to the bid specifications.

Olustee Smith 10/13/2023
DBE Program Coordinator Date

Approve Dept. Recommendation

Approve GSD/Purchasing Recommendation

Disapprove

Disapprove

See Attachment

GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

CITY MANAGER

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Purchasing Manager Date

[Signature] 10/13/23
City Manager or Designee Date

[Signature] Oct 13, 2023
Brian Barr (Oct 13, 2023 08:51 PDT)
General Services Director Date