



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NEVADA AND JIM NORMAN'S TREES UNLIMITED, INC., LOGGERS UNLIMITED, AND WEST COAST TREE SERVICE, INC. FOR AS NEEDED TREE REMOVAL SERVICES IN A MAXIMUM AGGREGATE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000 FOR THE TERM OF NOVEMBER 7, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024 AND AUTHORIZE CONTRACT RENEWALS FOR UP TO FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR TERMS – ALL DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, the Road Maintenance Division of the Public Works Department is responsible for mitigating and removing hazardous trees and vegetation encroaching on County roadways and right of ways; and

WHEREAS, the Road Maintenance team looks for ways to augment staffing when needed in order to ensure expedited delivery of services to secure safe travel pathways and roadways; and

WHEREAS, the Road Maintenance Division enlisted the Purchasing Division to develop competitive Invitation For Bids (IFB) No. 174453 for as needed tree removal services to support the execution of hazardous tree removal; and

WHEREAS, the advertisement was published on the County's website and social media, and the Purchasing team presented this Bid opportunity to the Nevada County Contractor's Association membership. Eleven responsive and one unresponsive bids were received; and

WHEREAS, Purchasing conducted a thorough evaluation of all bids received to determine lowest price and best value for these services. Purchasing's evaluation reflected a large variation of proposed pricing due to a misunderstanding of the Bid tasks and the contractors miss-interpretation of the price request; and

WHEREAS, a Notice to Reject all bids responding to IFB No. 174453 was released on July 25, 2023; and

WHEREAS, a revised IFB No. 175872 for a Re-Bid for as-needed tree removal services was issued and advertised on August 17, 2023, and fifteen responsive bids received; and

WHEREAS, the top three responsive, responsible with lowest bid amounts were received from Jim Norman's Trees Unlimited, Inc. of Grass Valley, Loggers Unlimited of Cedar Ridge, and West Coast Tree Service, Inc. of Anderson; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Purchasing Policy, section 7.1 (B), Board approval is required for all Contracts in excess of \$50,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Nevada County Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California, approves the following:

1. Rejects all bids received in response to the original IFB No. 174453.
2. Awards Contracts pursuant to subsequent solicitation IFB No. 175872 to Jim Norman's Trees Unlimited, Inc. of Grass Valley, Loggers Unlimited of Cedar Ridge, and West Coast Tree Service, Inc. of Anderson for As-Needed Tree Removal Services in the aggregate amount not to exceed \$200,000 for the initial term of November 7, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
3. Authorizes the Purchasing Agent to execute Contracts and encumber \$66,666 in each Contract, and to shift funds as needed amongst these Contracts in 1114-30107-703-1000-521520.
4. Authorizes future renewals of the Contracts up to four (4) additional one (1) year terms so long as the Road Maintenance budget is approved at each subsequent Budget Hearing and the Contracts do not exceed a 10% annual increase.