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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: April 26, 2016
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Tim Wood, Senior Civil Engineer/County Surveyor
SUBJECT: Resolution to Award a Contract for the Road Safety Signage Audit, Sign Installation Project, County Contract No. 225028, Federal Project No. HRRRL 5917 (088)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Resolution to Award a Contract for the Road Safety Signage Audit, Sign Installation Project, County Contract No. 225028, Federal Project No. HRRRL 5917 (088).

FUNDING: Project impacts the Fiscal Year 2015/16 road CIP budget. Project is funded with 90% Federal funds and a 10% local match funded by State Exchange funds. There is no impact on the General Fund and no budget amendment is needed.

BACKGROUND: On January 26, 2016, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 16 – 047, approving the plans, specifications and estimate for the Road Safety Signage Audit, Sign Installation Project, and instructed the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to advertise for bids.

The bids were opened on February 24, 2016 and five (5) contractors submitted bids. Below is a summary of those bids. A detailed bid breakdown is attached in the supporting documentation.

Bid Number	Contractor	Bid Price
1*	McGuire-Pacific Constructors	\$231,634.00
2	Chrisp Company	\$281,580.00
3	Statewide Traffic Safety and Signs, Inc.	\$298,119.00
4	Pacific Underground Service	\$324,420.00
5	Hansen Bros. Enterprises	\$757,213.00
	Engineer's Estimate	\$288,300.00

*-Bid rejected due to failure to meet the DBE goal requirements. See below and supporting documentation for details.

Since this project is funded through the Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), the County was required to establish a Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) goal for the project. That goal was set at 9.0% of the contract.

Following the bid opening and submittal of the 'Good Faith Effort', McGuire-Pacific Constructors only proposed to utilize DBEs for 3.87% of the contract. Staff compared that with the second and third bidders, who were both able to exceed the 9.0% goal. Based on the above information, staff has determined that McGuire-Pacific Constructors did not meet the DBE goal and 'Good Faith Effort' requirements for this project. McGuire-Pacific Constructors were notified with a letter and detailed DBE evaluation memo attached in the supporting documents.

On March 26th, McGuire-Pacific Constructors submitted a formal protest to the County's DBE evaluation. Staff coordinated with County Counsel to provide due process for their protest. This procedure, outlined in the Code of Federal Register, consisted of an independent review of the Good Faith Effort and meeting with the Director of Public Works. This resulted in Director of Public Works affirming the original determination that the contractor did not meet the DBE goal and Good Faith Effort requirements for this project.

As a result, staff recommends to the Board that the project is awarded to the 2nd lowest bidder, Crisp Company in the amount of \$281,580.00. The total amount encumbered is \$309,738.00 including a 10% contingency. Construction is anticipated to begin in May and be completed within 50 working days (approximately 2 ½ months), as allowed in the contract.

Item Initiated by: Tim Wood, Sr. Civil Engineer/County Surveyor

Approved by: Steven Castleberry, Director

Submittal Date: March 24, 2016

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