TO: HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER
DEPARTMENT: UTILITIES
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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH ABC SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF $136,850 FOR CLEANING AND VIDEO INSPECTION OF SANITARY SEWER PIPELINES (IFB 137634)

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Council:

1. Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the attached contract with ABC Services in the amount of $136,850 for cleaning and video inspection of large diameter sanitary sewer pipes.

2. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to negotiate and execute one or more change orders to the contract with ABC Services for related, additional but unforeseen work, which may develop during the project, the total value of which shall not exceed $27,370.

DISCUSSION

Project Description
The work to be performed under this contract is for cleaning and video inspection of large sanitary sewer mains eighteen to thirty six inches in diameter. According to our records these pipes have not been cleaned in several years. Therefore, the accumulation of grease, sand, grit, roots, and debris has impaired their capacity and thus restricts flow to the treatment plant. This restricted mainline capacity could cause a sewer backup onto the streets and homes. Due to the size of these mainlines any type of overflow could pose a serious environmental threat to the waterways of Palo Alto and ultimately the San Francisco Bay. The objective of a regular sewer cleaning and maintenance program is to
minimize the potential for overflow, minimize the number of odor complaints, and to restore sewage flow to its full design capacity. This work would also give the Wastewater Collections System Master Plan engineering consultants, Montgomery Watson, accurate reads for flow monitoring of these pipelines for rain and groundwater inflow/infiltration into the system.

**Bid Process**

A notice inviting formal bids for Cleaning & Video was sent on September 20, 2001 to ten contractors. The bidding period was twenty one days. A pre-bid meeting was held on October 2, 2001, two bidders attended the meeting. Bids were received from one qualified contractor on November 13, 2001, as listed on the attached bid summary (Attachment A). The sole bid ranged at approximately $136,850. Contractors not responding indicated that they did not submit a bid because they were too busy. Staff has reviewed all bids submitted and recommends that the bid for approximately 23,000 feet of pipeline at $5.95 per linear foot of pipe with a $200 per reverse setup charge and a $265.95 per cubic yard for disposal of Class 1 Material submitted by ABC Service be accepted and that ABC Service be declared the lowest responsible bidder. The bid is approximately fifty nine percent below the staff/engineer's estimate of $232,000. The change order amount of $27,370 which equals twenty percent of the total contract, is requested because of any related or unforeseen work, which may develop during the project.

Staff checked references supplied by the contractor for previous work performed and found no significant complaints. Staff also checked with the Contractor's State License Board and found that the contractor has an active license on file.

**RESOURCE IMPACT**

This project was originally budgeted in the Wastewater Collection Operating budget in FY 2000-01. Negotiations for the contract crossed into FY 2001-02 and the money was not reappropriated. Funding for this project is included in the Midyear Report which will be presented to Council on March 11, 2002, and is contingent on Council approval.
POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report does not represent a change to existing City policies. These recommendations meet the objectives outlined in the Utilities Strategic Plan. Specifically, to operate Wastewater Collections systems in a cost-effective manner and to invest in utility infrastructure to deliver reliable service.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act and no further environmental review is necessary.

ATTACHMENTS
A: Bid Summary
B: Contract

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