

**CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

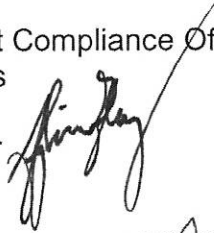
DATE: November 8, 2016

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TO: Paul Bassar, Contract Compliance Officer
Procurement Services

THRU: Sylvia Glazer, Director
Public Works

FROM: Karen Arndt, Assistant Director
Public Works


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SUBJECT: Award Recommendation - Bid F-4535-17-PB Jefferson Street Dune Renovation

ISSUE:

The City of Hollywood issued Bid F-4535-17-PB for the Jefferson Street Dune Renovation project. Two bids were received including a bid from GC Works Inc., the low bid at \$123,319 and a bid from EarthBalance the second lowest bid at \$157,350. The Public Works recommends the bid be awarded to EarthBalance.

EXPLANATION:

The Jefferson Street Dune Renovation project scope of work involves the identification of exotic vegetation, the proper removal of the exotic vegetation while minimizing the impact to the native vegetation and replanting the dune with native species. This is an environmentally sensitive project and the City will be the permit holder issued by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

The bid comments stipulate that the vendor must demonstrate through references, having completed projects of similar size and nature. GC Works, Inc. listed multiple projects that the firm has completed, however none of the listed projects involve exotic removal and dune restoration work. In addition, of the three projects GC Works listed on the references form in Bidsync, only one project listed was a recent project while the other two were from 2007 and 2009. None of the listed projects on the reference form included exotic removal and dune restoration work. GC Works, Inc. therefore is deemed non-responsible for this bid.

In the bid response, GC Works, Inc. provided a list of references/completed projects. GC works, Inc. listed on item 12, the John Prince Park project with myself as the contact information. I was the Project Manager for this project when I was employed with Palm Beach County. GC Works, Inc. had many failures on this project including failure to pay their subcontractors who ultimately walked off the project. GC Works, Inc. continually failed to properly manage the project and Palm Beach County was forced to solicit the

assistance of the surety company for GC Works, Inc. to complete the job. The project was completed late with liquidated damages and extensive losses from the County both on staff expenses and lost revenue.

In the bid documents, Section 1.21 B. Disqualification of bidders states that: A bidder may be disqualified temporarily or permanently and its bid(s) rejected for poor performance or default in the City's opinion on one or more previous contracts with other public entities. Due to past performance, GC Works, Inc. is therefore deemed non-responsible for this bid.

The second low bidder, EarthBalance listed several dune restoration projects of similar scope and nature to the Jefferson Street Dune Restoration project and these projects were all completed within the last year. A check of references came back with positive results and this bidder is deemed responsible.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Public Works Department recommends the award bid F-4535-17-PB Jefferson Street Dune Renovation to the second low bidder, EarthBalance as this is in the best interest of the City.



City of Hollywood, Florida

EVALUATION: BID NO. F-4535-17-PB

Date: November 8, 2016

To: Sylvia Glazer, Director
Public Works

From: Linda Silvey, Procurement Contracts Officer
Procurement Services

Attached are copies of the two (2) bids submitted in response to Invitation for Bid F-4535-17-PB for Jefferson Street Dune Renovation, and a copy of the bid tabulation.

Please review and evaluate the bid documents submitted to ensure they meet Public Work's service requirements, licensing requirements, budget, and check their references.

Forward any questions, clarifications or comments to Procurement Services as the Cone of Silence remains in effect. Once your review and evaluation process is completed, please forward your award recommendation to Procurement Services so we can prepare the required award documents.

If you request that a contract be awarded to a vendor other than the lowest bidder(s), a justification must be prepared and forwarded to Procurement Services.

The Department of Public Works recommends award be made to the following responsive and responsible bidder:

Earth Balance

XEA

Authorized Signature

Date

11-8-16