

City of Hesperia

STAFF REPORT



DATE: July 17, 2018

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Nils Bentsen, City Manager

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SUBJECT: Award a contract to Abboud Diamond Construction, Inc. for the Construction of the Hesperia Animal Control Facility Remodel Project (CO #6526)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the City Council award a construction contract to the lowest responsive/responsible bidder, Abboud Diamond Construction, Inc., for the Hesperia Animal Control Facility Remodel project in the amount of \$701,053; approve a 10% contingency in the amount of \$70,105.30; approve the design of the project represented by the plans and specifications; and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract.

BACKGROUND

The existing Animal Control Facility operates in a 13,368 square foot building and receives an average of approximately 6,000 animals annually. The current facility, located at 11011 Santa Fe Avenue, was constructed in 1990. The original facility was built to house the City's Public Works Department, not an Animal Control Facility; therefore, existing facility schematics are not conducive to current operations. The outdated facility is deficient in supporting current animal shelter standards and the Animal Control services offered by the City.

In 2015, the City hired the consulting company Animal Control Services to conduct an animal shelter evaluation of the City's Animal Control Facility and operations. This evaluation included an on-site review, interviews with Staff, and observation of operations. The information gathered was compared against Industry norms and applicable State and Federal laws. This outside evaluation provided City Staff with insight into deficiencies and necessary improvements. The evaluation identified inadequacies within the physical facility and the need for new office equipment and furniture.

In an effort to mitigate the inadequacies identified in the aforementioned evaluation, the City decided to fund the Animal Control Remodel Project as a First Quarter Budget Amendment in the approved Fiscal Year 2016-17 Capital Improvement Program under Construction Order No. 6526. Staff published a Request for Proposal on September 20, 2016 for architectural and engineering services to create the design of the remodel. Proposals were due on October 20, 2016, and Council awarded the contract to WLC Architects on December 20, 2016.

ISSUES/ANALYSIS

The design for the remodel of the Animal Control Facility was completed and approved in April 2018. Staff issued a "Public Notice Inviting Bids" for the construction portion of the Hesperia Animal Control Remodel on May 10, 2018. Bids were accepted and publicly read on June 14, 2018 at 10:00 am from four (4) participating bidders:

Abboud Diamond Construction, Inc.: \$701,053
Pre-Con Industries: \$719,507

Ely Contracting: \$ 849,879
Jergensen Construction: \$1,123,476.92

Each bidder's submittal was thoroughly reviewed; none of the bids contained any math errors. All of the bids submitted were determined to be valid.

Staff has determined that the apparent lowest responsive/responsible bidder is Abboud Diamond Construction, Inc. Abboud Diamond Construction, Inc. has provided quality construction on numerous remodel and facility projects in the surrounding area, including recent projects for the County of San Bernardino, and staff recommends the award of this contract to Abboud Diamond Construction, Inc. as outlined below.

The original projected amount for this project, as approved in the 2018-19 Capital Improvement Program, was \$620,000; however the total contract amount for the lowest bid, including the 10% contingency, is \$771,158.30. The additional funding in the amount of \$151,158.30 will come from the City Facilities CIP account.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for this project was included in the approved Fiscal Year 2018-19 Capital Improvement Program under Construction Order No. 6526 as follows:

- City Facilities CIP: \$620,000

ALTERNATIVE(S)

1. Reject all bids and do not award the contract.
2. Provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Bid Results