



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: 8/20/2013, 9:00 AM, Voting Session

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Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Cyd Grimes, Purchasing Agent

Commissioners Court Sponsor: Judge, Samuel T. Biscoe

AGENDA LANGUAGE: REJECT SOLE BID RECEIVED FOR IFB NO.: B1305-010-JE, TRAVIS COUNTY JAIL (TCJ) EXTENDED LIFE PROJECT-PHASE II.

- Purchasing Recommendation and Comments: Purchasing concurs with department and recommends approval of requested action. This procurement action meets the compliance requirements as outlined by the statutes
- IFB No.: B1305-010-JE, Travis County Jail (TCJ) Extended Life Project - Phase II, was issued on June 12, 2013 for the replacement of the primary exhaust system for the Travis County Jail, the kitchen exhaust system, isolation cell exhaust system, installation of roof mounted ventilators, and electrical modifications for the new Control system, located at 500 West 10th Street, Austin, Texas 78701.
- Of the eighty-eight (88) bids either downloaded or viewed via Travis County's third party e-procurement vendor system, BidSync, only one (1) bid was received in response to this solicitation when subject IFB was opened on July 24, 2013 at 2:00 P.M., CST. The sole bid from Forsythe Brothers Infrastructure, LLC with a bid amount of \$1,480,000.00 was found to be significantly higher than the estimated amount prepared by the Engineer of Record which was also verified by the TCSO Engineer.
- One vendor who attended the Pre-Bid but did not respond and five (5) others that viewed the solicitation online, were contacted by the Purchasing Office inquiring as to why they did not bid on the project. One bidder indicated that they did not prepare enough time to respond; three indicated that they could not fulfill the required work and two indicated they did not respond due to current workload.

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AGENDA REQUEST DEADLINE: All agenda requests and supporting materials must be submitted as a pdf to Cheryl Aker in the County Judge's office, Cheryl.Aker@co.travis.tx.us by Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. for the next week's meeting

➤ The Travis County Sheriff's Office recommends rejecting the sole bid. The bid received, if accepted, would increase the expenditures for the service nearly \$500,000.00 above the current estimate. The Travis County Sheriff's Office recommends re-bid at this time.

➤ **Solicitation-Related Information:**

Solicitations Sent: 88

Response(s) Received: 1

HUB Information: N/A

% HUB Subcontractor: N/A

REQUESTED ACTION:

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Samuel T. Biscoe
County Judge

Date



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MEMORANDUM

TO: John Pena, Purchasing Agent Asst IV
Via: Marvin Brice, CPPB, Assistant Purchasing Agent
FROM: Mark Stefanov, P.E., Facilities Building Maintenance Engineer Senior
DATE: August 5, 2013

SUBJECT: TCJ Extended Life Projects II Bid Rejection and Request for Rebid

This is a request for Purchasing to process an Issued for Bid action rejecting all received bids for the TCJ Exhaust System 244270 General Building Renewal and 238693 TCJ Exhaust System - Kitchen - Commercial Renewal. The lowest bid at \$1,480,000 (\$15 per square foot) is significantly above the expected amount. The original total for the project at \$9 per square foot was determined to not be a reasonable and was increased to about \$1,000,000.00 in March 2013 before the bid. It has been checked, re-calculated, and determined to be reasonable if no higher than \$1,210,000 (\$13 per square foot) by both the Engineer of Record and the TCSO Engineer.

Square Feet:	108,200
TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET:	\$1,389,810
Design:	\$179,810
Fabrication and Installation:	\$1,149,500
5% Contingency	\$60,500
Construction+ 5%:	\$1,210,000
\$/Sq.Ft.:	\$13

After investigation, the best reason that can be determined is lack of competition in the bid process. Rebidding may allow for this to be corrected. The Travis County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) desires to have the project rebid. There is enough funding to support the higher maximum estimate. The range should be \$1,000,000 to \$1,150,000. Due to feedback that has been received, please add five business days to the question to addendum period that was used in the previous bid. The contract time may remain at 180 days.

Please contact me with any questions at 45321. Your assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

CC: Sheriff's Office Engineer's File
Maria Wedhorn
Major Long
Half Engineering



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