

CITY OF CLARKSTON

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

ITEM NO: F5

HEARING TYPE:
Council Meeting

BUSINESS AGENDA / MINUTES

ACTION TYPE:
Resolution

MEETING DATE: September 5, 2017

SUBJECT: Approve City Center in Clarkston Streetscapes Project Bid and Contractor Recommendation

DEPARTMENT: Administration

PUBLIC HEARING: YES NO

ATTACHMENT: YES XNO
Pages:

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PURPOSE:

To approve the City Center in Clarkston Streetscapes Project bid and contractor recommendation.

NEED/ IMPACT:

Background

In 2012, the Federal Highway Administration Transportation Earmark, obtained in 2005 for the Streetscape project, was on the verge of being de-obligated due to project inactivity. After 2 years of meeting with the ARC and GDOT and providing both agencies with a strategic plan to move forward with project implementation, which included city council support to financially commit local funding to match the federal funding, the project is now within 45-60 days of moving into the construction phase.

The city took a significant step with controlling the project schedule in 2015 by becoming one of the first governments in the state to become certified to manage federal funding during all phases of the project. This state program is identified as the Local Administered Program (LAP). The program involved an extensive application and interview process.

This certification allowed the city to stay ahead of the project milestone events and more importantly, allowed the city to strategically begin right-of-way (ROW) acquisition before being issued the approval from the state.

Several other milestone events occurred that have been critical to the success of the project to-date. This includes City Council approval of SRTA GTIB loans for the local match and an ARC grant funding award in 2016 for modifications to the project scope (bio-swale, MARTA bus pull-off lane, and related project components).

Bid Results

The Streetscape project advertisement period occurred over a 5 week time frame; June 29th, to August 8th, 2017. The typical advertisement period is 4 weeks. The 1 week extension was provided to allow bidders some additional time to prepare a bid submittal.

Bids were opened on August 8th. Four (4) contractors submitted bids. The bid tabulation is as follows:

CONTRACTOR	BID AMOUNT
Ohmshiv Construction, LLC	\$6,513,196.65
CMES, Inc	\$6,830,084.61
BRTU Construction, Inc	7,612,543.40
ASTRA Group	6,665,000.00

Engineering Estimates:

February 2017: \$4,584,981 & \$5,501,978 (20% contingency)

May 2017: \$5,289,761 & \$6,347,714 (20% contingency)

- The low bid is \$165,482 above the engineers 20% contingency estimate.
- The probable cause of low bid exceeding the 20% contingency estimate is cost of labor & materials and the very favorable economic environment that exists in the highway industry in the State of Georgia.
- A positive outcome of the bid is the number of bidders. The City was expecting no more than 2 bidders. Staff reached out to the contractor community and sought contractor interest through calls and emails leading up to the bid opening which could be attributed to the number of bidders.
- The GDOT and other governments statewide have seen similar increases in labor and materials resulting in bids that often exceed their estimates and/or their budgets.

Staff contacted each reference provided by Ohmshiv Construction, LLC. Staff met with the firm's owners on two occasions and visited their home office and construction storage yard in Lawrenceville.

Reference calls occurred with the City of Duluth's (streetscape project) City Engineer and Gwinnett County's resident engineer responsible for all transportation construction. Each individual provided very positive feedback regarding Ohmshiv's work product and indicated they would utilize their services again without reservation.

Ohmshiv Construction, LLC is a GDOT pre-qualified DBE contractor. The DBE percentage provided by Ohmshiv on this project will be approximately 45%. The GDOT minimum goal of 12% is exceeded.

Staff has verified the bid tabulation of each bidder and no discrepancies were encountered.

Next Steps

Upon City Council approval, staff will present the bid tabulation including various supporting documents to GDOT for concurrence. GDOT will review and forward to the FHWA.

If GDOT and FHWA concurs with the city's recommendation, the FHWA will authorize the construction phase and GDOT will issue a NTP to the city. The city and bidder will sign a contract followed by a city-called pre-construction meeting.

Staff estimates contractor mobilization to occur in early October 2017 (assuming Watershed's contractor is able to begin work on the water line replacement in early September). Anticipated completion date is approximately April 2019.

Staff will provide an update to the City Council on the contractor's outreach program prior to construction commencing and periodically throughout the project duration.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends the City Council approve the low bid of Ohmshive Construction, LLC and authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to complete contract negotiations and to authorize the Mayor to execute the contract when complete.