

CITY OF CLARKSTON

ITEM NO: F2

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

ACTION TYPE:
Resolution

HEARING TYPE:
Council Meeting

BUSINESS AGENDA / MINUTES

MEETING DATE: October 3, 2017

SUBJECT: Consider Bid for Construction Services at Friendship Forest Wildlife Sanctuary

DEPARTMENT: City Administration

PUBLIC HEARING: YES NO

ATTACHMENT: YES NO
Pages:

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PURPOSE:

To consider bids for construction services associated with the Friendship Forest Wildlife Sanctuary Redevelopment Project.

NEED/ IMPACT:

Background

Design work commenced on the referenced project in April 2017. During the time period from April until August, plans were prepared and permits obtained from EPD, DeKalb County Department of Environmental Health and the Army Corp of Engineers.

The following probable estimate of construction costs were developed to compare to the submitted bids:

- Hayes James/Environs (design team est. August 2017): \$1,185,000
- Collaborative Infrastructure Services, Inc. (estimate September 2017): \$930,000
- AMEC (prepared master plan – 2016): \$970,225

A \$1,350,000 loan through the Urban Redevelopment Agency was obtained to fund all phases of the project. The following services have been completed to-date;

- engineering/architectural services
- invasive species removal
- diseased tree removal and grading at the entrance

The loan funding available for construction is \$1,066,341

Pre-Bid Meeting

A non-mandatory pre-bid was held and 2 contractors attended.

The city’s project engineer emailed and called six firms to solicit interest in this project. Two firms stated they intended to submit bids (not including the firm that submitted a bid).

Bid Opening

On October 3rd, 2017, bids were opened for the referenced project. One bid was received; TriScapes. TriScapes bid submittal met the requirements set forth in the advertised bid documents. TriScapes bid was \$2,436,069.

Bid Analysis

The submitted Schedule of Bid Items was compared to the Hayes James/Environs estimate.

The Unit Prices for each of the 70 bid items were analyzed and compared to the engineering estimate of the design firm. Every bid item exceeded the estimate and in many cases, the unit prices were 50% greater than the estimate.

The likely reasons for the bid outcome is as following:

- ✓ The number of infrastructure projects exceeds contractor availability due to current favorable economic conditions
- ✓ Contracting community desires a longer advertisement period

The unit prices provided by the engineering/architectural firm are realistic and based on recent pricing of comparable park projects in the metro area.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Retain the existing scope and re-bid with a bid opening of November 3rd, 2017