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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 19, 2024

DATE: October 5, 2024

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to: (1) award a bid and approve the Agreement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the Washoe County Parks - Water Storage Tank Reconditioning, PWP # WA-2024-183 [staff recommends Farr Construction Corporation dba Resource Development Company, in the amount of \$404,212.00]; and (2) approve a project contingency fund in the amount of \$30,000.00, for a total project cost of \$434,212.00. This capital project will recondition two water storage tanks located at Bowers Mansion Regional Park and Davis Creek Regional Park. Reconditioning work includes installing temporary bypass pressure tank systems, interior and exterior tank recoating, replacing tank level indicator systems, replacing tank valves, and spot welding as required. Community Services. (Commission District 2.) **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION.**

SUMMARY

This project involves the reconditioning of two water tanks located in Washoe County, Nevada: The Bowers Mansion Regional Park Tank and the Davis Creek Regional Park Tank. The scope of work includes installing temporary bypass pressure tank systems, recoating the interior and exterior of the tanks, replacing tank level indicator systems, replacing tank valves, and performing spot welding.

The invitation to bid package included reconditioning of the two tanks, with one bid alternative for reconditioning a third tank at the Regional Shooting Facility. The recommendation for bid award is considered solely on the base bid, while the bid alternative is at the County's discretion. It is anticipated that costs associated with the bid alternative for the third tank would exceed the approved project budget. Consequently, staff is requesting the award for the base bid only, without the bid alternative.

Sealed bids for the Washoe County Parks - Water Storage Tank Reconditioning, PWP # WA-2024-183 were opened on May 7, 2024. The list of bids received for the project is as follows:

AGENDA ITEM # _____

Washoe County Parks - Water Storage Tank Reconditioning Project	
Bidder	Amount
1. Farr Construction Corp. dba Resource Development Company	
-Base Bid	\$404,212.00
-Bid Alternate 1 (not selected)	\$212,404.00
Total Bid Award without Alternates	\$404,212.00
2. UFSC (Unified Field Services Corporation) – bid deemed non-responsive	
-Base Bid	\$396,453.00
-Bid Alternate 1 (not selected)	\$191,348.00
3. Olympus & Associates Inc.	
-Base Bid	\$435,590.00
-Bid Alternate 1 (not selected)	\$148,520.00
Engineer's Estimate	\$250,000.00

Staff has verified in the System for Award Management Exclusions that no bidder is excluded from receiving federal government contracts as a result of being debarred; thus, none of the bidders is prohibited by NRS 338.017(2) from being awarded a public works contract.

During the bid conformance review, it was determined that the initial lowest bidder, Unified Field Services Corporation (UFSC), failed to submit a Local Preferential Bidder Status Affidavit as required by NRS 338.1389. According to NRS, the next lowest responsive and responsible bidder that is not more than 5 percent higher and has submitted the affidavit shall be deemed the best bid. Additionally, UFSC did not acknowledge Addendum #1, dated April 18, 2024, which disqualifies them as non-responsive. Therefore, staff recommends awarding the contract to the next lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Farr Construction Corp., doing business as Resource Development Company, with a base bid total of \$404,212.00.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Fiscal Sustainability:
Long-term sustainability

PREVIOUS ACTION

On May 21, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) adopted the Washoe County Final budget for Fiscal Year 2025 as well as adopting the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for Fiscal Years 2025-2029.

BACKGROUND

In 2020, Shaw Engineering was retained to update the Washoe County Manual of Operations for all Washoe County Parks Public Water Systems. As part of the scope of work, Shaw assessed all public tanks in the parks and identified those that should be prioritized for maintenance. The two tanks identified as top priorities for maintenance, which are included in the base bid, are the Bowers Mansion Regional Park Tank and the Davis Creek Regional Park Tank. The Regional Shooting Facility Tank was identified as a bid alternative.

FISCAL IMPACT

Budget authority for this agreement, including base bid and contingency, exists in the FY25 budget, Capital Improvement Fund (402), Parks Public Water System (PW920865), Construction Contracts (781080) in the amount of \$432,212.00.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Board of County Commissioners: (1) award a bid and approve the Agreement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the Washoe County Parks - Water Storage Tank Reconditioning, PWP # WA-2024-183 [staff recommends Farr Construction Corporation dba Resource Development Company, in the amount of \$404,212.00]; and (2) approve a project contingency fund in the amount of \$30,000.00, for a total project cost of \$434,212.00. This capital project will recondition two water storage tanks located at Bowers Mansion Regional Park and Davis Creek Regional Park. Reconditioning work includes installing temporary bypass pressure tank systems, interior and exterior tank recoating, replacing tank level indicator systems, replacing tank valves, and spot welding as required.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to: (1) award a bid and approve the Agreement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the Washoe County Parks - Water Storage Tank Reconditioning, PWP # WA-2024-183 [staff recommends Farr Construction Corporation dba Resource Development Company, in the amount of \$404,212.00]; and (2) approve a project contingency fund in the amount of \$30,000.00, for a total project cost of \$434,212.00. This capital project will recondition two water storage tanks located at Bowers Mansion Regional Park and Davis Creek Regional Park. Reconditioning work includes installing temporary bypass pressure tank systems, interior and exterior tank recoating, replacing tank level indicator systems, replacing tank valves, and spot welding as required."