




Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
October 2, 2012

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From:  Christine Daniel, City Manager
Submitted by: Andrew Clough, Director, Public Works
Subject: Contract: AJW Construction, Inc. for Alcatraz/Baker and Alcatraz/Idaho Valley Gutter

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution approving plans and specifications for the Alcatraz/Baker and Alcatraz/Idaho Valley Gutter Project, Specification 13-10688-C; accepting the bid of AJW Construction, Inc. and authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments, extensions or other change orders until completion of the project, in accordance with the approved plans and specifications in an amount not to exceed \$414,462.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Funding is available in an allocation from the Clean Stormwater Program budget and the Street Capital Improvement Program budget. No other funding is required, and no other projects will be delayed due to this expenditure.

Low bid by Contractor	\$320,385
Bidding Form Quantity Adjustment *	\$30,000
20% Contingency	\$64,077
Total construction cost	\$414,462

Budget Codes:

Clean Storm Fund: 831-5218-432-65-50-12SD01	\$202,462
Streets Capital Improvement Fund: 610-5212-431-65-20-12SD01	\$212,000
Total construction cost	\$414,462

The CMS No. is Y8RVJ.

* City staff discovered quantity errors on the City bidding form for two line items. Under Specification Section 401.2, Alterations and Increased or Decreased Quantities, the City can negotiate with the contractor since the quantity changes are less than 20% of the total project costs, and more than 50% of the change in costs for these line items. See Background Section for details.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

This project will reconstruct the intersections of Alcatraz Avenue at Baker Street and Alcatraz Avenue at Idaho Street; resurface Alcatraz Avenue between these two intersections and to the Oakland border; and resurface Idaho Street from Alcatraz Avenue to the Oakland border.

BACKGROUND

The project consists of reconstructing two intersections to remove failing cross drains, install valley gutters and traffic calming bulbouts, and resurface approximately 480 linear feet of paved street. These improvements will prevent current localized flooding at these intersections and provide traffic calming.

Project bids were opened on August 21, 2012 (Attachment 2, Abstract of Bids). Two local and one non-local bids were received from a low of \$320,385 to a high of \$398,761. AJW Construction, Inc. of Oakland, California was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, and their references were provided and proved satisfactory. In the course of checking the submitted bids, City staff discovered quantity errors on the City bidding form for two line items, and taking that into account, verified that AJW Construction remains the lowest responsive responsible bidder. It is recommended that a contract for this project be awarded to AJW Construction, Inc. for their bid. Under Specification Section 401.2, Alterations and Increased or Decreased Quantities, the City can negotiate with the contractor since the quantity changes are less than 20% of the total project costs, and more than 50% of the change in costs for these line items. Staff is negotiating with the bidder to reduce the costs, and a change order for the adjusted quantity and revised unit price will be issued after the contract has been executed.

The Living Wage Ordinance does not apply to this project, since Public Works construction contracts are, pursuant to City policy, subject to State prevailing wage laws. AJW Construction, Inc. has submitted a Certification of Compliance with the Equal Benefits Ordinance.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

This project will correct a chronic drainage problem for the neighborhood. The City does not possess the resources to perform this work in-house.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

The alternative of replacing the existing cross-drains was considered. However, maintenance experience with other cross drain replacements compared to valley gutters shows less maintenance is required for valley gutters. Additionally, the reconstruction allows installing bulbouts for traffic calming benefits as desired by the neighborhood.

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

2: Abstract of Bids

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

CONTRACT: AJW CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR ALCATRAZ/BAKER AND
ALCATRAZ/IDAHO VALLEY GUTTER PROJECT

WHEREAS, the intersections of Alcatraz/Baker and Alcatraz/Idaho Valley experience localized flooding during most rain storms due to failing cross drains; and

WHEREAS, reconstructing the intersections to accommodate new valley gutters and bulbouts, and resurface nearby streets will correct localized flooding problems, calm traffic, and City has neither the labor nor the equipment necessary to undertake this Alcatraz/Baker and Alcatraz/Idaho Valley Gutter Project; and

WHEREAS, an invitation for bids was duly advertised and AJW Construction, Inc. was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, funding is available in the current year budget in the Clean Stormwater Program (831-5218-432-6550-12SD01) and the Street Capital Improvement Program (610-5212-431-6520-12SD01); and the contract has been entered into the Citywide contract database with CMS No. Y8RVJ.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the Plans and Specification No. 13-10688-C for the Alcatraz/Baker and Alcatraz/Idaho Valley Gutter are approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Berkeley authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments, extensions or change orders, until completion of the project in accordance with the approved plans and specifications with AJW Construction, Inc. for the Alcatraz/Baker and Alcatraz/Idaho Valley Gutter Project, in an amount not to exceed \$414,462, which includes a 20% contingency for unforeseen circumstances. A record signature copy of said agreement and any amendments to be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.



City of Berkeley
Abstract of Bid Worksheet

Finance Department
General Services Division

Spec. # *13-10688c* Bid Date: *8/21/12*
Alcatraz / Baker - Blatmg / Adhes Valley gutter

Bidders	Base Bid	Nuc Free	Work Force Comp	Opp. States	Living Wage	EBO	Bid Bond	Addenda
<i>JA CONSTRUCTION</i>	<i>398,741.00</i>	<i>/</i>		<i>/</i>		<i>/</i>	<i>/</i>	
<i>AK CONSTRUCTION</i>	<i>320,325.00</i>	<i>/</i>		<i>/</i>		<i>/</i>	<i>/</i>	
<i>W.R. FORDE & ASSOC.</i>	<i>327,986.00</i>	<i>/</i>		<i>/</i>		<i>/</i>	<i>/</i>	

Bid Recorder: *[Signature]* 8/21/12
 Bid Opener: *[Signature]* 21 AUG 12
 Project Manager: *[Signature]*

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