



**CITY OF GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA
REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL**

AGENDA ITEM

Report: Award of a Construction Contract for the Rossmoyne Substation Landscape Improvement Project, Specification No. 3848

1. Motion awarding a construction contract for the Rossmoyne Substation Landscape Improvement Project (Specification No. 3848) to Greener Environments, Inc. in the amount of \$127,900, approving a 10% reserve for contingency, rejecting all other bids, and authorizing the City Manager, or her designee, to execute the contract.

COUNCIL ACTION

Item Type: Consent Calendar

Approved for September 15, 2020 **calendar**

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

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RECOMMENDATION

Glendale Water and Power (GWP) respectfully recommends that the City Council adopt a motion to award a contract to Greener Environments, Inc. in the amount of \$127,900, approve a ten percent (10%) reserve for contingency (\$12,790), reject all other bids received for the Rossmoyne Substation Landscape Improvement Project (Specification No. 3848), and authorize the City Manager, or her designee, to execute the contract.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

GWP's electrical system has 12 substations and GWP's potable and recycled water system has 13 reservoir sites, 18 tank sites, and 34 pumping plants. GWP maintains and operates each of these facilities, including the landscaping, perimeter fencing, and site access. The majority of the near-term facilities improvements consist primarily of landscape and irrigation improvements to various water and electric facility sites to comply with the City's Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance and with the City's Wildfire Mitigation Plan, as mandated by SB 901, to supplement the Glendale Fire Department's existing Vegetation Management Program (VMP).

In 2019, GWP entered into two (2) three-year contracts with two landscape architectural consulting firms, SWA Group, Inc. and David Volz Design Landscape Architects, Inc. (DVD), to provide technical expertise not supported by in-house staff. GWP staff recently solicited and selected a Landscape Design for the Rossmoyne Substation Landscape Improvement Project from DVD. The Landscape Design includes specifications for site preparation, drainage, and storm water management and addresses sustainability and maintainability by ensuring ease of maintenance, low water use ground covers, inorganic mulch for the station's perimeter plantings, and vegetation characteristics that will not exceed the height of the facility walls. Seasonal considerations for the plant species included in the Landscape Design recommend planting in the spring or early summer, prior to the peak heat periods of mid to late summer.

The Rossmoyne Substation was constructed in the 1960s, and is an important landmark for this part of the community. The substation is on a 34,000 square foot lot and serves as an integral component to GWP's electrical grid. The substation could better fit the character and aesthetic of the City and the important street corner of Glenoaks Blvd. and Jackson St. if the landscape setting for the substation were revitalized. A new planting scheme that highlights the City's sustainable and wildfire mitigation mandates and offers a beautiful and interesting layout would better feature this important community-serving facility.

On May 5, 2020, the City Council approved Resolution 20-47 to adopt Specification No. 3848, and directed the City Clerk to advertise for bids. The Notice Inviting Bids (NIB) for the Project was published in the Glendale Independent Newspaper on May 21st and 28th of 2020. The Project was also advertised on the City of Glendale RFP/RFQ/Bid Page website, from June 1, 2020 to June 24, 2020. During the course of the bidding period, two addenda were issued to address bidders' questions, to clarify requirements in the Specifications, and to amend items that will be procured.

On June 24, 2020, the due date for Proposal submissions, the City received 11 bids for the Project under Specification No. 3848. The bids received are shown in the table below and are ranked from the lowest bid to the highest bid.

Rank	Bidder	Bid Amount
1	Greener Environments, Inc.	\$127,900.00
2	Mariposa Landscapes, Inc.	\$128,382.50
3	KASA Construction Inc.	\$129,850.00
4	Marina Landscape Inc.	\$136,134.00
5	STL Landscape, Inc.	\$137,815.00
6	FS Contractors, Inc.	\$138,718.00
7	Plowboy Landscapes, Inc.	\$149,553.00
8	CS Legacy Construction, Inc.	\$157,351.00
9	Hardy Landscape Construction, Inc.	\$172,317.00
10	Sphinx Landscaping	\$218,950.00
11	Dash Construction Company, Inc.	\$222,490.00

Staff evaluated the bids based on price, mandatory qualifications, and competency of bidders. Upon review of all bids, staff finds the bid submitted by Greener Environments, Inc. of Los Osos, California, met and satisfied the mandates of the bid requirements and was the lowest responsive bidder. The bid amount of \$127,900 is 13.46% above the higher range of the Engineer’s Estimate which was \$112,724.73.

Greener Environments, Inc., submitted the lowest responsive bid, satisfactorily met the mandatory qualifications, and has demonstrated that it is a responsible bidder with the experience needed for the project. Staff verified with the State of California Contractor’s License Board that Greener Environments, Inc. have licenses that are current, active, and in good standing. Staff contacted the references provided and concludes that Greener Environments, Inc. has successfully performed work similar to the project.

Therefore, staff recommends that Council award the landscape construction contract to Greener Environments, Inc., in the amount of \$127,900.00.

In addition, staff recommends a reserve of ten percent (10%), or \$12,790, for contingencies for the Project. This amount is based on the Estimate of Probable Construction Costs provided by David Volz Design Landscape Architects, Inc., who prepared the Landscape Design for the City. This contingency amount will allow for any incidental work or unforeseen field conditions that could be encountered during construction and the resulting field changes that may be necessary.

The construction of this project is anticipated to begin in October 2020, and is scheduled for completion by December 2020 barring unforeseen circumstances or adverse weather conditions.

This project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15304(b) (“New gardening or landscaping, including the replacement of existing conventional landscaping with water efficient or fire resistant landscaping”).

FISCAL IMPACT

The cost of the construction contract for the Rossmoyne Substation Landscape Improvement Project, Specification No. 3848, is \$127,900 plus a ten percent (10%) contingency in the amount of \$12,790 for a total amount of \$140,690.

Funds for the project are available in the following accounts and amounts:

Account Description	Account No.	Estimated Amount
Electric Depreciation Fund, GWP, ES Facility Security and Landscape Project (GWP000079N-IMPROVEMENT-F3900-5830)	51200-5830-GWP-0020-P0000-T0000-F3890	\$100,690.00
Electric Depreciation Fund, GWP, ES Wildfire Mitigation (GWP000075N-OTHER-F3900-5830)	53300-5830-GWP-0020-P0000-T0000-F3600	\$40,000.00
Total Available Funding		\$140,690.00

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1: The City Council may award a contract to Greener Environments, Inc., reject all other bids received, and authorize the City Manager, or her designee, to execute a contract with Greener Environments, Inc. as recommended herein.

Alternative 2: The City Council may elect not to award the contract as recommended. This would leave this important community-serving facility aesthetically out of sync with the street corner of Glenoaks Blvd. and Jackson St.

Alternative 3: The City Council may consider any other alternative not proposed by staff.

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE

None applicable.

EXHIBIT(S)

None applicable.