



**RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT AGENCY
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: May 7, 2019 – REVISED

Public Hearing Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advertised
Published Notice	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
CONTACT PERSON: Celeste Perez		PHONE: (559) 624-7010

SUBJECT: Award of Contract for Construction of the CNG Fueling System at the Transit Operations and Maintenance Facility

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Hobbs Construction Inc. from Fresno, California, in the amount of \$2,497,629, for construction of the CNG Fueling System at the Transit Operations and Maintenance Facility; and
2. Authorize the Chairman to sign the contract after review and approval as to form by County Counsel and upon receipt of certificates of insurance, bonds and evidence that the contractor possesses a valid State Contractors License; and
3. Allow funds for construction contingencies in the amount of \$137,381 to cover unexpected construction conditions; and
4. Authorize the Director of the Resource Management Agency or his designee to approve change orders up to the amount of allowed funds for contingencies.

SUMMARY:

The CNG Fueling System at the Transit Operations and Maintenance Facility Project was re-advertised for bid on February 27, 2019 following the Board's rejection of all previously received bids via Resolution No. 2019-0135. The review of bids opened on March 21, 2019 indicated that Hobbs Construction Inc. of Fresno,

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CA appears to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Background

The Tulare County Transit Operations and Maintenance Facility project (“TOMF”), currently under construction, was authorized to bid on August 29, 2017 via Board Resolution No. 2017-0715. Contract award for the TOMF was made on March 20, 2018 via Board Resolution No. 2018-0202. Allocated grant funds for the TOMF project come from the Public Transportation Modernization Improvement, and Service Enhancement Account Program (PTMISEA), and the CalOES Prop 1B Grant Program. Funding has also been allocated from the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and the State Transit Assistance Fund (STA). The TOMF project, which was awarded to Seals Construction of Visalia, CA, originally included plans for the construction of a Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueling system capable of supporting the fueling demands of the Tulare County Area Transit (TCaT) fleet, specifically 24 buses that are to operate from the TOMF.

Funding for the CNG Fueling System portion of the TOMF project was to be provided via a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) grant from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Administration of the CMAQ grant is delegated from the FHWA to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). Due to bidding requirements set forth by CALTRANS, the grant administrator, the CNG Fueling System was removed from the scope of the TOMF project. Revised plans and specifications were completed to reflect the CNG Fueling System project as independent from the TOMF project. By making the CNG Fueling System an independent project, constraints imposed by Caltrans, the grant administrator, were satisfied and the Project will retain funding eligibility.

The CNG Fueling System project was originally advertised for bid from January 22, 2019 until February 11, 2019. The bids received as a result of the first bid advertisement included bids with non-waiveable errors as well as bids that exceeded allocated funds for the project. As a result, your Board directed that all bids be rejected and that the project be re-bid.

The CNG Fueling System at the TOMF was re-advertised for bid on February 27, 2019. Bids were opened on March 21, 2019. A bid summary is listed below to reflect the bids received for the project:

Bid Summary

The following is a summary of the three bids received and opened on March 21, 2019:

Contractor	Bid
Hobbs Construction Inc.	\$2,497,629.00
EFS West Inc.	\$2,622,548.50
Fueling and Service Technologies Inc. (FASTECH)	\$2,698,973.00
Engineer's Estimate	\$2,410,256.75

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No irregularities were noted with the bids received. As highlighted by the summary the lowest responsive and responsible bidder appears to be Hobbs Construction Inc.

It is the intent of Resource Management Agency (RMA) to issue a formal Notice to Proceed immediately following the award of the construction contract. The current target date of completion for the CNG Fueling System is January 2020. Construction is anticipated to last a total of 240 days for the CNG Fueling System.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

No Net County Cost to the General Fund.

This project is funded by \$1,850,000 of CMAQ funds and \$200,000 of Measure R funds. Excess funds in the amount of \$590,000 required for the construction of the CNG Fueling System will be provided by other grants already designated for the TOMF project, such as the Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement Account Program (PTMISEA), Local Transportation Funds (LTF) and the State Transit Assistance fund (STA).

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

This County's Strategic Business Plan includes the Safety and Security strategic initiative, which includes a goal to improve and maintain an adequate transportation infrastructure. This project would be part of the transportation infrastructure in the County and would serve as important infrastructure for the County's public transit system.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Reed Schenke, P.E.

cc: County Administrative Office

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF AWARD OF CONTRACT)
FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE CNG) Resolution No. _____
FUELING SYSTEM AT THE TRANSIT)
OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FACILITY)

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD May 7, 2019, BY THE
FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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