

October 23, 2001

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AWARD OF PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, 4, AND 5  
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to prepare the construction contracts in the form previously approved by County Counsel, execute the contracts, and establish the effective dates following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material bonds filed by the contractor for the following:

Project ID No. FCC0000766 - Belton Drain, City of Bellflower (4), to Herman Weissker, Inc., in amount of \$353,412.16.

Project ID No. RDC0010971 - Hendricks Ave., vicinity of Montebello (1), to Reyes Construction, Inc., in amount of \$339,399.

Project ID No. RDC0012948 - La Brea Ave., et al., vicinities of Baldwin Hills and Hawthorne (2), to Steiny and Company, Inc., in amount of \$122,323.

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Project ID No. RDC0013049 - Santa Fe Ave., vicinities of Huntington Park and South Gate (1), to C. T. & F., Inc., in amount of \$168,410.

Project ID No. RDC0013560 - Olive St., City of Temple City (5), to Silvia Construction, Inc., in amount of \$336,765.59.

Project ID No. RMD1546022 - Parkway Tree Trimming, Road Division 119/519, 2001-02, vicinities of South San Gabriel and San Marino (1 and 5), to Terra Industries, Inc., in amount of \$86,250.

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

We are recommending that your Board award these construction and maintenance services contracts and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute the contracts and establish the effective contract dates following receipt of approved bonds and insurance filed by contractors for each of these projects.

The enclosure for each project includes the project description, the call for bids and bid opening dates, a tabulation of bids, and financial information. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposals for each project are also enclosed, including addenda to the contract specifications for Project ID Nos. RDC0012948 and RDC0013560.

The recommended construction and maintenance services contracts are necessary to execute Board-directed and approved Department of Public Works projects in support of operational missions. Your Board's approval of the recommended contract awards and our subsequent execution of the contracts will ensure the timely completion of the projects.

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### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The award of these construction and maintenance services contracts is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since these contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The enclosure for each project includes the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate and the other bids received.

These projects are included in the 2001-02 Department of Public Works Budget. The enclosure for each project includes more detailed fiscal and financial information.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Recommended contract awards are to the lowest responsible bidders in accordance with the California Public Contract Code and your Board's directives.

On October 27, 1981, your Board adopted a program for the use of small Minority and Women-owned Businesses (MWBES) on Federal and State funded highway construction contracts. Companies meeting these requirements are certified by the State as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs). An overall goal for subcontracting portions of the work to DBEs is established for each project. Contracts are recommended for award to the lowest responsible bidder who meets the goal or documents a good faith effort to do so in conformance with the program.

We have also developed an outreach program to encourage all qualified contractors to participate in the bidding and contracting process on our projects. Under this program, we place notices of upcoming bids in local and minority newspapers throughout the County. These notices indicate that copies of plans and specifications are available at

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specified libraries and the Department Headquarters building. This allows interested contractors to view the plans and specifications at convenient locations. We also provide telephone numbers (including one for Spanish-speaking contractors) to obtain further information on bidding and subcontracting opportunities.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with the Department, each of these projects was listed on the County Office of Small Business website.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

The contracts will be in the form previously approved by County Counsel. We will also review and approve the faithful performance and payment bonds filed by the contractors.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

Each of these projects was found to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act at the time your Board called for bids. The specifics of these findings are included in the enclosure for each project.

#### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

The contracts were solicited on an open competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code.

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The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees.

The Department has confirmed that all of the respective contractors are in compliance with the County's Child Support Compliance Program.

The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) Program.

To ensure that the contracts are awarded to responsible contractors with satisfactory performance histories, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported by all of the respective contractors was considered before making this recommendation to approve execution of the contracts.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

These construction and maintenance services contracts will result in improved public works infrastructure in the communities where the work is scheduled. Where appropriate, local residents and businesses will be informed that traffic and local access may be mildly disrupted during the construction. The proposed schedules for construction are included in the enclosure for each project.

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**CONCLUSION**

Please return one approved copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. NOYES  
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

AWARD OF CONTRACT  
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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000766, BELTON DRAIN (City of Bellflower),  
Supervisorial District 4

TYPE OF WORK: Construction of a storm drain system.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: September 4, 2001 (Synopsis 80)

BID OPENING DATE: October 2, 2001

BID SUMMARY:

Low	*Herman Weissker, Inc., a corporation 2631 South Riverside Avenue Bloomington, California 92316 (909) 877-2470	\$353,412.16
2	Southern California Underground Contractors, Inc.	\$360,588.00
3	Ivanko	\$370,236.00
4	Mladen Grbavac Construction	\$371,855.00
5	Mike Bubalo Construction Co., Inc.	\$388,420.00
6	Mike Prlich & Sons, Inc.	\$388,925.00
7	*Radich Construction, Inc.	\$397,000.00
8	*Cody Engineering, Inc.	\$402,875.00
9	R & L Sewers, Inc.	\$402,944.15
10	Matthew And Stewart Co., Inc.	\$405,889.00
11	Beador Construction Co., Inc.	\$412,300.00
12	Pipe Line Equipment Rental	\$444,796.00
13	*Miramontes Construction Co., Inc.	\$447,975.00
14	KEC Engineering	\$448,970.00
15	Steve Bubalo Construction Co.	\$547,000.00
16	Excel Paving Company	\$564,720.00

BID SUMMARY (cont.):

17	Grgo & Gordon Grbavac Construction Co., Inc.	\$568,810.00
18	Andrew Papac & Sons	\$622,718.00
19	Colich & Sons, L.P.	\$656,150.00
20	Albert W. Davies, Inc.	\$661,775.00

\*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$409,934.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$353,412.16
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 56,521.84

The amount of the recommended contract is 13.8 percent below the estimate.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Herman Weissker, Inc., an MWBE, has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 3, Subsection (q), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 60 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in January and be completed in April 2002.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The contractor's industrial safety record indicates one accident resulting in a fatality in 1998. A dump truck had been positioned to back up and dump asphalt in a trench. A laborer was sweeping out a nearby gutter and the area along the trench to be paved. The driver backed over the laborer, killing him. Cal/OSHA conducted an investigation and cited the company for a serious violation. The company appealed the citation and after a detailed inspection of the company's safety and maintenance programs, Cal/OSHA reduced the violation from the category of serious to general.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT  
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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0010971, HENDRICKS AVENUE (in the vicinity of Montebello),  
Supervisorial District 1

TYPE OF WORK: Widening and reconstruction of roadway, curb, gutter, and sidewalk; construction of curb ramps; installation of a street lighting system; and planting of parkway trees.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: September 4, 2001 (Synopsis 80)

BID OPENING DATE: October 2, 2001

BID SUMMARY:

Low *Reyes Construction, Inc., a corporation 1295 South East End Avenue Pomona, California 91766 (909) 622-2259	\$ 339,399.00
2 Nobest Incorporated	\$ 343,009.00
3 Tyner Paving Company	\$ 353,967.65
4 Excel Paving Company	\$ 357,183.00
5 Sequel Contractors, Inc.	\$ 368,313.50
6 *Damon Const. Co.	\$ 373,343.50
7 Gentry Brothers, Inc.	\$ 374,023.00
8 *Padilla & Sons Company	\$ 374,543.75
9 Shawnan	\$ 393,851.00
10 Silvia Construction, Inc.	\$ 399,853.55
11 All American Asphalt	\$ 429,429.00
12 Steve Bubalo Construction Company, Inc.	\$ 465,644.00

\*MWBE

Pyramid Building and Construction (Pyramid) was the apparent tenth low bidder with a bid of \$399,035. A review of Pyramid's bid proposal revealed that they submitted a bid with blank bid items resulting in an ambiguous total bid price. Pyramid was considered nonresponsive and their bid rejected as provided in the Instructions to Bidders, Section H, "Nonresponsive Bids and Bid Rejection."

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$ 340,052.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$ 339,399.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 653.00

The amount of the recommended contract is less than 1 percent below the estimate.

This project is included in the 2001-02 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Reyes Construction, Inc., an MWBE, has two MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, yielding a proposed DBE participation of 27 percent. This contract does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsections (x)(9), (x)(14), and (x)(27), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 30 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in December 2001 and be completed in February 2002.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT  
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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0012948 , LA BREA AVENUE, ET AL. (in the vicinities of Baldwin Hills and Hawthorne), Supervisorial District 2

TYPE OF WORK: Modification of traffic signals.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: August 21, 2001 (Synopsis 51)

BID OPENING DATE: September 18, 2001

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Steiny and Company, Inc., a corporation 12907 East Garvey Boulevard Baldwin Park, California 91706 (626) 338-9923	\$122,323.00
2	*Carlos Villegas Electric, Inc.	\$124,859.65
3	*L. A. Signal, Inc.	\$131,647.00
4	California Electrical Services	\$134,118.70

\*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$ 99,420.75
Amount of recommended contract	\$122,323.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 22,902.25

The amount of the recommended contract is 23 percent above the engineer's estimate, which was based on recent average contract prices for similar items of work. Our review of the estimate reveals that it did not account for increased pricing due to the relatively small quantities of work items to be done. The bids received are very competitive. We do not believe that readvertising the project will result in lower bids. Therefore, we recommend award of the contract to the low bidder.

This project is included in the 2001-02 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Steiny and Company, Inc., has one MWBE subcontractor/supplier under this contract, yielding a proposed DBE participation of 2.7 percent. This contract does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (x)(4), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 30 working days; however, an additional 120 calendar days are required for the contractor to obtain the necessary equipment and materials. Therefore, it is estimated that the work will start in February and be completed in March 2002.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT  
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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0013049, SANTA FE AVENUE (in the vicinities of  
Huntington Park and South Gate), Supervisorial District 1

TYPE OF WORK: Traffic signal synchronization.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: August 21, 2001 (Synopsis 51)

BID OPENING DATE: September 18, 2001

BID SUMMARY:

Low	*C. T. & F., Inc., a corporation 7228 Scout Avenue Bell Gardens, California 90201-4998 (562) 927-2339	\$168,410.00
2	Steiny and Company, Inc.	\$182,100.00
3	*L. A. Signal, Inc.	\$197,793.00

\*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$168,000.50
Amount of recommended contract	\$168,410.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 409.50

The amount of the recommended contract is less than 1 percent above the estimate.

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority has approved a grant of Proposition C discretionary funds to finance the majority of the project cost. The local

matching funds will be provided by the County; therefore, the project will be completed at no cost to the Cities of Huntington Park and South Gate.

This project is included in the 2001-02 Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

C. T. & F., Inc., an MWBE, has no MWBE subcontractor/supplier under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (x)(4), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 45 working days; however, an additional 120 calendar days are required for the contractor to obtain the necessary equipment and materials. Therefore, it is estimated that the work will start in March and be completed in May 2002.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT  
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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0013560, OLIVE STREET (City of Temple City),  
Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Resurfacing of roadway pavement and reconstruction of curb,  
gutter, sidewalk, and driveways.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: August 14, 2001 (Synopsis 27)

BID OPENING DATE: September 18, 2001

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Silvia Construction, Inc., a corporation 9007 Center Avenue Rancho Cucamonga, California 91730-5311 (909) 481-8118	\$336,765.59
2	Sully-Miller Contracting Company	\$344,896.70
3	Sequel Contractors, Inc.	\$349,644.50
4	*Madison Paving, Inc.	\$352,432.08
5	*Ruiz Engineering Company	\$356,464.95
6	Excel Paving Company	\$359,642.00
7	Tyner Paving Company	\$375,480.71
8	All American Asphalt	\$387,976.65
9	Gentry Brothers, Inc.	\$388,226.00
10	Shawnan	\$406,882.30

\*MWBE



FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$353,500.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$336,765.59
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 16,734.41

The amount of the recommended contract is 5 percent below the estimate.

This project is entirely within the City of Temple City. County-City Cooperative Agreement 73493 provides for the County to administer the construction of the roadway improvements at County expense. The City will finance the entire cost of the preliminary engineering and the construction contract. This project is included in the 2001-02 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Silvia Construction, Inc., has three MWBE contractors/suppliers under this contract, yielding a proposed DBE participation of 5.5 percent. This contract does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsections (x)(2) and (x)(14), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 35 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in December 2001 and be completed in January 2002.

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PROJECT ID NO. RMD1546022, PARKWAY TREE TRIMMING, ROAD  
DIVISION 119/519, 2001-02 (in the vicinities of South San Gabriel and San Marino),  
Supervisorial Districts 1 and 5

TYPE OF WORK: Trimming of parkway trees.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: September 4, 2001 (Synopsis 80)

BID OPENING DATE: October 2, 2001

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Terra Industries, Inc., a corporation 21638 Redwood Road Castro Valley, California 94546 (619) 719-2135	\$ 86,250.00
2	*George Salinas Tree Preservation	\$ 98,575.00
3	TruGreen Landcare	\$124,711.74
4	*H. Tree & Landscaping Co.	\$134,550.00
5	West Coast Arborists, Inc.	\$134,550.00

\*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$121,301.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$ 86,250.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 35,051.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 29 percent below the engineer's estimate, which was based on the most recent average contract prices for the various items of work. Two of the five bids received were below the estimate, reflecting the competitive nature of the market at the present time. The low bidder has confirmed in writing its commitment to execute the contract at the offered price. Therefore, we recommend award of the contract to the low bidder.

This project is included in the 2001-02 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Terra Industries, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (j), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 60 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in November 2001 and be completed in February 2002.

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