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August 16, 2016

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

Dear Supervisors:

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
PUBLIC BUILDINGS CORE SERVICE AREA
DEL VALLE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT
UNINCORPORATED AREA OF CASTAIC
ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD
SPECS. 7275; CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 89034
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will adopt plans and specifications for the Del Valle Infrastructure project, allow advertising for construction bids, and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a construction contract for the project.

JOINT RECOMMENDATION WITH THE FIRE CHIEF THAT THE BOARD, ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY:

1. Find that the proposed Del Valle Infrastructure project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this letter and in the record of the project.
2. Adopt plans and specifications for the Del Valle Infrastructure project, Capital Project No. 89034.

3. Approve the project and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to carry out, manage, and deliver construction of the project on behalf of the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County; award and execute consultant agreements, amendments, and supplements within the same authority and limits delegated to the Director of Public Works or her designee by the Board for County capital projects; accept the project; and release retention upon acceptance.
4. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board to advertise the project for bids to be received and opened on September 14, 2016, in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisements.
5. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or her designee to make the determination that a bid is nonresponsive and to reject a bid on that basis, to award to the next apparent lowest responsive and responsible bidder, and to waive inconsequential and nonmaterial deficiencies in bid submittals.
6. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute a consultant services agreement with the apparent lowest responsive and responsible bidder to prepare a baseline construction schedule for \$3,500 not-to-exceed amount funded by the existing project funds.
7. Contingent on the apparent lowest responsive and responsible bidder preparing a baseline construction schedule that is acceptable to the Director of Public Works or her designee, authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a construction contract to that bidder, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, so long as the bid amount does not exceed the estimated construction cost of \$2,500,000, or if the bid exceeds that estimate, if the contract can be awarded within the total project budget; to establish the effective date of the contract upon receipt by Public Works acceptable performance and payment bonds and evidence for required contractor insurance; and to take all other actions necessary and appropriate to fully deliver this project.
8. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute any easements, permits, and utility connection agreements necessary for the completion of the project, provided that the costs related to these easements, permits, and agreements do not cause the project to exceed the approved project budget.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Del Valle Regional Emergency Training Center site covers an area of approximately 160 acres and is currently used by the Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County to conduct training for a variety of live firefighting operations. It also provides classrooms, administrative support buildings, and training areas for the handling of flammable liquids, hazardous materials, urban search and rescue, and the use of fire extinguishers.

On April 1, 2014, the Board established Capital Project No. 89034 for the Del Valle Infrastructure project, and authorized the Director or her designee to proceed with the design of the infrastructure project. The scope of work includes a new 1,000-kilovolt-amp electrical substation; a 564-square-foot communications building; installation of approximately 60 lineal feet of piping for water distribution; demolition and replacement of an existing aboveground reclaimed water storage tank; and completion of a chlorination system for reclaimed water. These infrastructure improvements are required to support the new classrooms and burn

tower, which were built at the Del Valle site by the Santa Clarita Community College District as part of the 2008 Joint Use Agreement for Use of Shared Facilities between the Fire and College Districts. Design of the infrastructure improvements was completed through an existing Public Works Board-approved, as-needed architectural/engineering agreement with J.C. Chang and Associates.

Design and jurisdictional approvals for the project are now complete. Adopting plans and specifications, advertising for bids, and delegating to the Director or her designee the authority to award, execute, and implement a consultant services agreement for the preparation of a baseline construction schedule, and the authority to award and execute a construction contract with the apparent lowest responsive and responsible bidder will allow an accelerated delivery process.

The proposed consultant services agreement requires the apparent lowest responsive and responsible bidder to prepare a baseline construction schedule that conforms to the County's schedule specifications.

It is anticipated that construction of the project will begin in November 2016 and be substantially completed in July 2017.

Green Building/Sustainable Design Program

The proposed project will support the Board's Sustainable Design Program by using energy efficient light fixtures and mechanical equipment in the communications building. There will be savings due to a reduction in electricity consumption as a result of the sustainable building elements included in the design.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability, Community Support and Responsiveness, and Integrated Services Delivery. The project helps to achieve these goals by constructing infrastructure improvements required to support the classrooms and burn tower, built by the Santa Clarita Community College District as part of the 2008 Joint Use Agreement for Use of Shared Facilities.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

On April 1, 2014, the Board approved a project budget of \$4,200,000 for the Del Valle Infrastructure project, which includes plans and specifications, construction, change orders, consultant services, miscellaneous expenditures, and County services. Public Works' estimated construction cost for the project is \$2,500,000, which includes a change order contingency of approximately \$326,000.

There is sufficient funding in Capital Project No. 89034 to fully fund the project in the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Fire Accumulated Capital Outlay Fund. There is no impact to net County cost.

Operational Budget Impact

There will be no impact to the current operating budget as a result of this action.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

A standard construction contract will be used that contains terms and conditions supporting the Board's ordinances, policies, and programs, including, but not limited to, the County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs; Noticeto Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, and the Los Angeles County's Child Support Compliance Program, and the Veterans Local Worker Hiring Program.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions and material requirements necessary for the project and are on file with Public Works Architectural Engineering Division. In accordance with the Board's Civic Art Policy amended on August 11, 2015, this project is exempt from the Civic Art fee as it consists of improvements related to underground infrastructure.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed infrastructure and utility improvements at Del Valle are categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA. The actions are within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that they meet the criteria set forth in Sections 15302(c) and (d); 15303(c), (d), and (e); and 15311 of the State's CEQA Guidelines and Class 2(a), (c), (e), and (f); Class 3(a) and (b); and Class 11(c) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. Replacement structures will have the same purpose and capacity as the structures replaced. In addition, the project is not located in a sensitive environment and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the project records.

Upon the Board's approval, Public Works will file a Notice of Exemption with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk in accordance with Section 15062 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Advertising for construction bids will be in accordance with the enclosed County's standard Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisements.

As requested by the Board on February 3, 1998, this contract opportunity will be listed on the "Doing Business with Us" website.

Participation by Community Business Enterprises in the project is encouraged through Public Works' CBE Outreach Program and by monitoring the good faith efforts of bidders to utilize CBE.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended action will have no negative impact on current County services or projects during the performance of the authorized activities. The Del Valle Emergency Regional

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Training Center will remain operational during construction of the infrastructure/utility improvements.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Project Management Division II.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Arts Commission
Chief Executive Office (Capital Programs
Division)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Fire Department
Internal Services Department
Department of Public Social Services
(GAIN/GROW Program)

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ENCLOSURE

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PUBLISHING LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS: In accordance with the State of California Public Contract Code Section 20125, you may publish once a week for two weeks in a weekly newspaper or ten times in a daily newspaper. Forward three reprints of this advertisement to Architectural Engineering Division, Department of Public Works, 900 South Fremont Avenue, 8th Floor, Alhambra, California 91803-1331.

**OFFICIAL NOTICE
INVITING BIDS**

Notice is hereby given that the Director of Public Works will receive sealed bids for furnishings, materials, labor, and equipment required to complete construction for the following project:

| <u>SD</u> | <u>SPECS</u> | <u>PROJECT</u> | <u>BID DOC.</u> <u>FEE</u> | <u>DATE OF BID</u> <u>OPENING</u> |
|------------------|---------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| 5 | 7275 | Del Valle Infrastructure Project 28101 Chiquito Canyon Road Castaic, CA 91384 | \$75 | September 14, 2016 |

Copies of the project manual and drawings for the project may be downloaded for free from the Public Works website http://dpw.lacounty.gov/go/construction_contracts or for \$75, a copy may be obtained at the Cashier's office, Department of Public Works, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Mezzanine Floor, Alhambra, California 91803, for the fee stated above. For bid information, please call Ms. Ivonne Peña at (626) 458-2585. Each bid shall be submitted on the required form, sealed, and filed at the Cashier's office no later than 10:30 a.m. on September 14, 2016. Bids for the project will be publicly opened, examined, and declared by Public Works at 11:00 a.m. on this date in one of the Main Conference Rooms, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803.

Bids must conform to the drawings and project manual and all bidding requirements. This project requires the prime contractor to possess either (1) an active General Engineering, (A) license classification, or an active General Building (B) license classification with an active insulation and acoustical (C2), concrete (C8), electrical (C10), earthwork and paving (C12), warm-air heating, ventilating and air conditioning (C20), masonry (C29), painting and decorating (C33), pipeline (C34), and roofing (C39) at the time of bid submittal. The contractor should verify to his/her satisfaction that he/she and his/her subcontractors, holds the correct license for the project.

The contractor and all of its subcontractors of any tier shall be required to pay prevailing wages to all workers employed in the execution of the work of improvement in accordance with the Labor Code Section 1770 et seq. Copies of prevailing rate of per diem wages are on file at the Public Works, Architectural Engineering Division, which shall be made available to any interested party upon request.

PREBID CONFERENCE

Public Works Project Management Division II will hold a mandatory pre-bid conference on August 31, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., at the project site, 28101 Chiquito Canyon Road, Castaic, California 91384, to provide information on the scope of work and answer any basic questions from the potential bidders. Detailed questions or additional information must be submitted in writing to Ms. Ivonne Peña with the Department of Public Works Architectural Engineering Division at ipena@dpw.lacounty.gov or fax (626) 458-2180 or you may contact her at (626) 458-2585.

OTHER INSTRUCTIONS

The County supports and encourages equal opportunity contracting. The contractor shall make good faith efforts, as defined in Section 2000 of the Public Contract Code, to contract with Community Business Enterprises.

The Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive technical or inconsequential errors and discrepancies in bids submitted in the public's interest.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Information



Individuals requiring reasonable accessibility accommodations may request written materials in alternate formats, physical accessibility accommodations, sign language interpreters or other reasonable accommodations by contacting our departmental Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator at (626) 458-4081, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday (excluding holidays). Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing may make contact by first dialing the California Relay Service at 7-1-1. Requests should be made at least one week in advance to ensure availability. When making a reasonable accommodation request, please reference **[PM-3]**.

Información sobre la Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades (ADA)



Individuos que requieran acomodamiento razonable pueden solicitar materiales escritos en formatos alternativos, acomodamiento físico, intérpretes en lenguaje de señas Americano ú otros acomodamientos razonables comunicándose con nuestro Coordinador Departamental de la Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades al (626) 458-4081, de 7:30 a.m. a 5 p.m., lunes a jueves (excluyendo días festivos). Personas con problemas auditivos pueden comunicarse primero marcando al Servicio de Difusión de California al 7-1-1. Solicitudes pueden hacerse por lo menos una semana antes para asegurar disponibilidad. Cuándo se haga una petición razonable para acomodo, por favor mencione **[PM-3]**.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California,
dated August 16, 2016.

Specs. 7275

LORI GLASGOW, EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES