

**Metropolitan Domestic Water Improvement District  
Board of Directors Meeting**

**April 30, 2012**

**Award of the Construction Contract for the  
Old Magee Trail Well Site Improvements**

**Synopsis**

The Board of Directors is requested to award a construction contract to The Ashton Company in the amount of \$563,816.00 for the construction of the Old Magee Trail Well Site Improvements (M-11-008).

**Background**

Pima County's RTA-funded La Cholla Boulevard Road Improvements, Magee Road to Overton Road is slated to begin construction soon. The District's Matter Well is located in the path of the proposed construction. However, since the well is located in an easement with prior rights to the right-of-way, Pima County has the responsibility to pay for the relocation of the well.

Pima County provided a well site easement located approximately three hundred feet east of La Cholla Boulevard on Magee Road (to be renamed Old Magee Trail). A new well on the site was drilled and completed by Arizona Beeman Drilling and Pump and completed in September 2011. To place this new well in service, it is required to equip it with a pump and motor, appurtenant control and security equipment, and a screen wall and gates. Plans and specifications for this work were completed in March 2012.

**Issues**

The District conducted a call for bids for the construction of the Old Magee Trail Well Site Improvements (M-11-008) on March 19, 2012. The Notice of Bid was published in the Daily Territorial on March 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23, 2012. A public bid opening was held on April 18, 2012.

Six (6) contractors obtained the bid documents with three (3) contractors submitting actual bids. The results of the submitted bids are as follows:

**Submitted Bids**

<b><u>Contractor</u></b>	<b><u>Total Bid Amount</u></b>
The Ashton Company, Inc.	\$563,816.00
Innova Engineering, LLC	\$587,608.00
Trinity Southwest Contractors, LLC	\$718,722.00
Engineer's Estimate	\$558,790.00

Copies of the Project Plans, Specifications, and bid tabulation summary sheets are available in the Board office.

The low bidder was The Ashton Company. This company is a heavy civil general engineering contractor that has been in business since 1946. The Ashton Company has a current A General Engineering Arizona Contractor License (issued in 1987). There are no complaints on file with the Registrar of Contractors. An inquiry with OSHA for the last 5 years reveals that there have been two inspections conducted. An inspection in February 2009 was due to an accident that resulted in a fatality. In this accident an employee was installing a street light pole that contacted a high voltage overhead power line, electrocuting the employee. This incident has been resolved with OSHA without any penalties assessed against The Ashton Company. Previously The Ashton Company satisfactorily completed the Herb Johnson Reservoir, the Magee/La Cholla Site Improvements and the Shannon Well Treatment System for the District.

The second low bidder was Innova Engineering. This company is a local contractor with several years of experience in the Tucson area. Innova Engineering has a current KA Dual Engineering Arizona Contractor License (issued in May 2009) for commercial construction work which allows the scope of work permitted by the commercial A-General Engineering license required for this underground construction work (general engineering). There are no complaints on file with the Registrar of Contractors. An inquiry with OSHA for the last 10 years reveals that there was one complaint with 5 violations reported in March 2010 that occurred on the MDWID's La Cañada Waterline Relocation and Transmission Main project. Recently Innova Engineering satisfactorily completed several projects for the District and is currently working on Cortaro Farms Road/Magee Road, Shannon Road (South) to Thornydale Road, Waterline Relocations and Shannon Road Transmission Main, Phase I, and Cortaro Farms Road/Magee Road Reclaimed Water Line project.

This project will be funded through the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the District and Pima County for the Relocation of the Matter Well, which was approved by the Board of Directors on July 11, 2011. The IGA provides for the reimbursement of expenses by Pima County up to \$1,000,000.00. Currently the District has expended approximately \$615,000.00 towards the relocation of Matter Well. The additional funds required for this project are included in the proposed FY 2012/2013 budget. Completion of this project is anticipated in November 2012.

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of Directors award the construction contract for the Old Magee Trail Well Site Improvements to The Ashton Company in the amount of \$563,816.00.

It is also recommended that the General Manager be authorized to approve the following changes to the construction contract: 1) allocate additional funding a cumulative amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 (approximately 5% of bid) and 2) increase the original construction contract term a cumulative amount not to exceed sixty (60) calendar days. Approval of this authorization will allow work to proceed promptly should any unforeseen conditions be encountered during construction. Any changes in excess of the above limits will be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval.

**Suggested Motion**

I move to award the construction contract for the Old Magee Trail Well Site Improvements to The Ashton Company in the amount of \$563,816.00, and to authorize the General Manager to approve the following changes to the construction contract: 1) allocate additional funding a cumulative amount not to exceed \$25,000 and 2) increase the original construction contract term a cumulative amount not to exceed sixty (60) calendar days. Any changes in excess of the above limits will be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie A. Maish, P.E., R.L.S.  
District Engineer

I concur with the above-noted recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Stratton, P.E.  
General Manager