

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

September 14, 2015

**Award of the Construction Contract for the
La Cañada Drive Water System Adjustments - Ina Road to River Road**

Synopsis

The Board of Directors is requested to award a construction contract to Marcon Excavating & Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$42,300.00 for the construction of the La Cañada Drive Water System Adjustments from Ina Road to River Road.

Background

The La Cañada Drive Waterline Relocations and ‘A’ Zone Transmission Main project, which was completed in November 13, 2012 had a requirement built in to its contract that all above ground facilities were to be left in a state of partial completion until the roadway improvement work on La Cañada from Ina Road to River Road was completed. In spring 2015, the La Cañada roadway work was finally completed clearing the way for the District to proceed with these adjustments.

Issues

The District conducted a call for bids for the construction of the La Cañada Drive Water System Adjustments from Ina Road to River Road on July 27, 2015. The Notice of Bid was published in the Daily Territorial on July 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31, 2015. A public bid opening was held on August 27, 2015. Five contractors obtained the bid documents with four contractors submitting actual bids. The results of the submitted bids are as follows:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Submitted Bids</u>	<u>Total Bid Amount</u>
Marcon Excavating & Construction, Inc.		\$ 42,300.00
INNOVA Engineering, LLC		\$ 222,600.00
Standard Construction Co.*		\$ 114,850.00
	*Math error correction	\$ 118,350.00
Tricon Contracting, Inc.		\$ 49,300.00
Engineer’s Estimate		\$ 72,640.00

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

The low bidder was Marcon Excavating & Construction, Inc. Marcon is a local contractor who

has constructed several private development projects in the District such as the La Cholla Professional Park, 6440 N. Corona Road Waterline Extension, and the Casas Adobes Shopping Center. Marcon has a current CR80 Contractor License (issued July 10, 2001), which allows for work on water facilities. In the past five years, Marcon has had four inspections with an inspection in June 2011 resulting in one complaint and two serious violations according to a search performed on the OSHA website. The complaint was settled without any penalties.

The second low bidder, Tricon Contracting, Inc., is a local company that has been in business in the Tucson area for many years as an underground utility contractor. Tricon Contracting, Inc. has a current Arizona Contractor License and there are no complaints on file with the Registrar of Contractors or OSHA. Tricon has previously done several projects for the District most recent being the La Cholla Blvd. Water System Adjustments.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Directors award the construction contract for the La Cañada Drive Water System Adjustments from Ina Road to River Road to Marcon Excavating & Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$42,300.00.

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 \$2,500.00 (approximately 6% 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 La Cañada Drive Water System Adjustments: Ina Road to River Road to Marcon Excavating & Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$42,300.00, 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 \$2,500.00 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,

Joseph Olsen, P.E.
General Manager