DATE: May 9, 2023

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Rejection of All Bids for Water Service Lines Replacement and Potholing Services

RECOMMENDATION:
It is recommended that the Mayor and Council Members adopt a resolution rejecting all bids received by the City of Inglewood (City) for Water Service Lines Replacement and Potholing Services, per Bid No. CB-23-07, and authorizing staff to revise and rebid the project.

BACKGROUND:
The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) issued revisions to the federal Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) on January 15, 2021. U.S. EPA’s new Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) strengthen every aspect of the LCR to better protect communities and children in elementary schools and childcare facilities from the impacts of lead exposure. The new LCRR will get the lead out of our nation’s drinking water. The LCRR will require community water systems (CWS) throughout the United States to conduct an inventory of service lines and determine the material of those lines and fittings.

The City is a CWS that provides approximately 8,400 acre-feet of potable drinking water to its customers annually. Water supply consumers include numerous schools and childcare facilities. The City must develop a comprehensive inventory to identify service line materials connected to the public water distribution systems by October 16, 2024.

DISCUSSION:
On February 10, 2023, Public Works staff completed project specifications for the Water Service Lines Replacement and Potholing Services (Bid No. CB-23-07).

On February 13, 2023, the Office of the City Clerk sent out an advertisement in a local Inglewood newspaper that included an invitation to submit bid proposals on the project. The Public Works Department also posted an invitation to submit bid proposals through PlanetBids.com.

On February 27, 2023, Public Works staff conducted a mandatory job walk pre-bid meeting online via Zoom. Six (6) attendees from five (5) prospective companies attended the pre-bid meeting.
On March 15, 2023, the Office of the City Clerk received and opened one (1) bid as described in the following table:

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<th>Bid No. CB-23-07</th>
<th>Contractor</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>J.A. Salazar Construction &amp; Supply Corporation,</td>
<td>$1,316,250</td>
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<td>La Habra, CA 90631</td>
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Public Works staff reviewed the bid proposal from J.A. Salazar Construction & Supply Corporation and determined that the bid amount of $1,316,250 is significantly high and unreasonable. The City Engineer’s estimate was $934,790. Since there was only one bid, staff is unable to compare bids and prices for this proposed service. Therefore, rejection of all bids will allow staff to revise the current project specification and bid table. Upon completing the new bid documents, staff will rebid the project as soon as possible.

FINANCIAL/FUNDING ISSUES AND SOURCES:
Adequate funds to complete the project are available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget under Account Code No. 110-100-P804-44860 (Water Fund-Capital Improvement Project-Water Distribution System Upgrade Program-Contract Services).

DESCRIPTION OF ANY ATTACHMENTS:
Attachment No. 1 – Invitation to Submit Bid
Attachment No. 2 – CB-23-07 Bid Result
Attachment No. 3 – Resolution

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APPROVAL VERIFICATION SHEET

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Louis A. Atwell, PW Director/Asst. City Mgr.

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:  
Artie Fields, City Manager
ATTACHMENT NO. 1

Invitation to Submit Bid
CITY OF INGLEWOOD
Notice Inviting Bids
(Specifications and Conditions Governing Award)

The City of Inglewood invites and will receive bids duly filed as provided herein for the “CB-23-07 WATER SERVICE LINES REPLACEMENT AND POTHOLING SERVICES” as specified in this document.

Each bid shall be submitted and completed in all particulars and must be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the City of Inglewood, The Office of the City Clerk, 1 West Manchester Blvd., First Floor, Inglewood, CA 90301 with the designation of the project “CB-23-07 WATER SERVICE LINES REPLACEMENT AND POTHOLING SERVICES” appearing thereon.

Please visit https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/45619/portal-home to learn about bid opportunities available to consultants, service providers, contractors, Contractors, or suppliers. Bids will be opened in public, on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. in the Office of the City Clerk and will be announced then and there to all persons present. Specifications and other bid documents for the above service are on file in the Purchasing Division, and may be obtained upon request.

The City Council reserves the right to waive any irregularity in any bid, and to take bids under advisement for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days from and after the “Due Date” of Bid, which specified in this RFB.

The following conditions and terms apply:
1) The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
2) The detailed scope of work and conditions for bid submission attached.
3) The Contractor must execute a contract within fourteen (14) days after the City mails/sends it to Contractor. If the contract is not executed within fourteen (14) days, the City reserves the unilateral right to cancel it.
4) If any provision of the contract is violated, the City, after suitable notice, may cancel the contract and make arrangements to have the services performed by others. Any extra cost to the City will be paid by the Contractor.
5) Request for Bid (RFB) documents may be obtained from the Inglewood Public Works Department located on the 3rd Floor of Inglewood City Hall. Please contact Purchasing Division at (310) 412-5333.
6) All bids must be for specific amounts. Any attempt to qualify prices with an ‘escalation clause’ or any other method of making a price variable, is unacceptable. Bids shall be valid for ninety (90) calendar days from and after the “Due Date” specified in this RFB.
7) The City reserves the right to add or subtract quantities and/or services based on the unit prices/unit lump sums so indicated as its budgetary needs may require.

Louis A. Atwell, P.E., Assistant City Manager/P.W. Director
City of Inglewood, California

Date 1/24/23

BID NO. CB-23-07 4 OF 116
ATTACHMENT NO. 2

CB-23-07 Bid Result
City of Inglewood- Water Service Line Replacement & Potholing Services
CB 23-07
Date of Bid – March 15, 2023 @ 11:00 A.M.

1. J.A. Salazar Construction Supply Corp........$1,316,250.00
ATTACHMENT NO. 3

Resolution
RESOLUTION NO. ______

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, REJECTING ALL BIDS SUBMITTED FOR BID CB-23-07 WATER SERVICE LINES REPLACEMENT AND POTHOLING SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING STAFF TO REVISE AND REBID THE PROJECT.

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2023, Public Works staff prepared and completed project specification and bid document for the Water Service Lines Replacement and Potholing Services (Bid No. CB-23-07); and

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2023, the City Clerk's Office sent out advertisement for an invitation to submit bids on Inglewood local newspaper. Public Works department posted an invitation to submit proposals in the PlanetBids.com bid services portal. Public Works staff also notified two prospective contractors by email about a new bid; and

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2023, Public Works staff conducted a mandatory job walk meeting via Zoom. Six (6) attendees from five (5) companies prospective companies attended the pre-bid meeting; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2023, the City Clerk's office received and opened one (1) bid; and

WHEREAS, Public Works staff reviewed the $1,316,250 bid proposal and determined that the bid amount was substantially higher than the Engineer's estimate of $934,790; and

WHEREAS, staff is now requesting the City Council to reject the bid and authorized staff to rebid the project; and

WHEREAS, upon rebidding approval, staff will modify the bid documents and re-advertise the project. Rebidding the project will provide the City the opportunity to receive more bids after the bid documents are updated.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Inglewood, California as follows:

SECTION 1.

1. The recitals were considered by this Council in making its determination and found them to be true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.
2. The City reserved for itself, in the bid documents, the right to reject all bids.
3. The City Council rejects all bids submitted relating to Bid Number CB-23-07, Water Service Lines Replacement and Potholing Services and authorizes staff to revise and rebid the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this resolution and the same shall be in full force and effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Inglewood, California, this __________ day of __________ 2023.

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James T. Butts, Jr.,
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Aisha L. Thompson,
City Clerk