

## **Board of Trustees Agenda Item**

**Board Meeting Date:** July 11, 2011

**Title of Item:** Award a Contract Pursuant to Bid Document #1338-120, Smithwick Theater – Foothill College

### **Background and Analysis:**

The Smithwick Theater project is a voluntary seismic upgrade, replacement of obsolete HVAC equipment, and related improvements. The project includes HVAC unit and ductwork replacement, electrical improvements related to HVAC replacement, roofing replacement required by seismic and HVAC work, and accessibility upgrades of restrooms, main entry and wheelchair spaces in the auditorium, as required by the Division of the State Architect.

HMC Architects prepared the construction documents and a complete set of all bid documents are on file in the Purchasing Services Department.

Bid 1338-120 was legally advertised on May 13 and May 20, 2011. The “Invitation to Bid” was also sent to nine (9) builders’ exchanges, advertised in the Daily Pacific Builder, and posted on “BidNet” at [www.govbids.com](http://www.govbids.com). Bids were publicly opened and read on June 21, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. by Purchasing Services. The bid results are shown below:

<b>GENERAL CONTRACTOR</b>	<b>BASE BID AMOUNT</b>
<b>Ralph Larsen &amp; Son, Inc.</b>	<b>\$2,560,000</b>
BRCO Constructors, Inc.	\$2,685,000
D. L. Falk Construction	\$2,824,000
Taber Construction	\$3,040,000

The lowest responsive and responsible bidder is Ralph Larsen & Son, Inc. Ralph Larsen & Son, Inc. has completed public works projects for other public agencies such as San Leandro Unified School District, Menlo Park City School District, and Campbell Union High School District. Furthermore, Ralph Larsen & Son, Inc. and its listed subcontractors have each signed the “Agreement To Be Bound” and the “Agreement of Contractors” of the Project Stabilization/Construction Careers Agreement between the District and the Santa Clara & San Benito Counties Building and Construction Trades Council.

The construction estimate is \$2,400,000, including the engineers estimate of \$1,800,000 for the base bid and \$600,000 for scope changes that were made with Bid Amendments 1, 2, and 3 which include restroom improvements, other ADA required improvements, bid allowances to repair building infrastructure or structural members in concealed spaces, and asbestos containing building material abatement. The bid price of \$2,560,000 as submitted by Ralph Larsen and Son, Inc. is within the construction budget of \$3,423,000. The project will be constructed with Measure C funds.

### **Recommendation:**

Authorize the Director of Purchasing Services, Carmen Redmond, to award a contract pursuant to Bid Document #1338-120, Smithwick Theater – Foothill College, in the amount of \$2,560,000 to Ralph Larsen & Son, Inc.

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Is backup provided?	No