

Board of Trustees Agenda Item

Board Meeting Date: May 7, 2012

Title of Item: Award a Contract Pursuant to Bid Document #1261-144 Central Campus Site Improvements at Foothill College

Background and Analysis:

At its March 12, 2012 meeting, the Board of Trustees accepted a list of three (3) contractors who met all of the prequalification requirements as the only prime contractors who are “prequalified” to bid on the Foothill College Measure C Project #144 – Central Campus Site Improvements.

Central Campus Site Improvements is a comprehensive project that will renovate landscaping features throughout the Central Campus. The improvements are designed to achieve compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act by providing accessible pathways throughout the campus and correcting hazardous drop-off conditions along sidewalks. The project will also provide adequate pathway lighting and code compliant stairs and ramps. The landscaping throughout the central campus will be renovated with new water conserving irrigation systems, tree replacement, new turf lawns and planting. WRNS Studio prepared the construction documents and a complete set of all bid documents are on file in the Purchasing Services Department.

The bid document provides that the lowest bid will be the lowest total of the bid prices for the Base Bid Amount and Alternate #1.

The scope of work in Alternate #1 (Northern Threshold) replaces Parking Lot 3A with a new pedestrian plaza comprised of concrete seatwalls, new oak trees, and planting. Students will enter the new pedestrian plaza from Parking Lots 2 & 3 via a new staircase. The new stairs, handrails, and lighting will replace the existing stairs that are not code compliant.

The scope of work in Alternate #2 (Fine Arts Courtyard) would renovate the courtyard between buildings 1600 and 1800 with new hardscape, irrigation and planting. The center of the courtyard would include a new concrete worktable to provide additional functionality to the space for the Fine Arts Division.

Additionally, the scope of work in Alternate #3 (Appreciation Hall Fountain) would restore the Appreciation Hall Fountain with new fountain equipment and waterproofing. The surrounding planting would also be renovated.

Bid 1261-144 was legally advertised on March 16 and March 23, 2012. 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. Bids were publicly opened and read on April 18, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. by Purchasing Services. The bid results are shown below:

CONTRACTOR	BASE BID AMOUNT Plus Alternate #1 – Northern Threshold	Alternate #2 – Fine Arts Courtyard	Alternate #3 – Appreciation Hall Fountain
Taber Construction Inc.	\$5,955,000	\$150,000	\$300,000
Robert A. Bothman, Inc.	\$6,700,000	\$210,000	\$245,000

The lowest responsive and responsible bidder is Taber Construction Inc. (Taber). Furthermore, Taber 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. Taber just recently successfully completed Project #135 for utility infrastructure upgrades at Foothill College.

The bid price of \$5,955,000 for the Base Bid plus Alternate #1 as submitted by Taber Construction Inc. is within the Architect/Engineer's estimate of \$6,765,000 and the construction budget of \$7,132,000. The project will be constructed with Measure C funds. Although the construction budget provides enough funding for Alternate #2 and Alternate #3, the Measure C bond team does not recommend award of Alternate #2 and Alternate #3 at this time. However, it is highly likely that the team will recommend that one or both alternates be awarded at a future board meeting. The contract provisions, Paragraph 8.3.5 of the General Conditions, state that if the District elects to add any such alternate item, then the cost of such item shall be at the cost set forth in the contractor's bid.

Recommendation: Authorize the Director of Purchasing Services, Carmen Redmond, to award a contract pursuant to Bid Document #1261-144, for the Base Bid Proposal Amount and Alternate #1 in the aggregate amount of \$5,955,000 to Taber Construction Inc.

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Is backup provided?	No