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Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Ward and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Richard Thompson, Interim City Manager

FROM: Jim Arndt, Public Works Director
Bruce Moe, Finance Director
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DATE: May 18, 2010

SUBJECT: Consideration of Award of a Three-Year Sewer System Engineering Services Contract to AKM Consulting Engineers (Estimated Annual Value \$94,360)

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council award RFP #802-10 to AKM Consulting Engineers for a three-year sewer system engineering services contract with an estimated annual value of \$94,360.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

Funds totaling \$97,328 are budgeted in the FY 2009-2010 Public Works budget for these services. The required funds for future years will be budgeted accordingly.

DISCUSSION:

The State Water Resources Control Board adopted a statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements and Monitoring Reporting program (GWDR). A requirement of the regulation mandates the development and adoption of a Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP), which the City adopted on May 4, 2010. The Operation and Maintenance element of the SSMP requires that up to date information be developed on the structural integrity of the sanitary sewer system for the purpose of a long term rehabilitation and replacement through a Capital Improvement Program. To date, 44 out of approximately 86 miles of sewer lines and 743 out of 2,060 manholes have been inspected and classified in a manner consistent with the GWDR.

Proposals were requested for engineering services for a multi-year contract to fill-in the areas that weren't completed through the SSMP. The engineering firm will oversee the work of a subcontractor for closed circuit television (CCTV) inspections, sewer line cleaning and manhole inspections, and provide structural rehabilitation analysis to augment the existing report so that plans for replacement lines can be made. The first year's contract will cover 9 miles of sewer lines and 192 manholes.

Staff solicited proposals for this requirement and received five responses. A summary of pricing offered by each contractor is shown below:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Annual Cost</u>
1. ITF & Associates	\$ 72,834
2. Psomas	\$ 90,611
3. AKM Consulting Engineers	\$ 94,360
4. Infrastructure Engineering Corp.	\$127,257
5. RBF Consulting	\$161,236

As a professional services contract, the award selection is based upon several factors: ability to perform the requirements, cost, references, prior experience, and engineering evaluation reports. The lowest bidder, ITF & Associates, does not have relevant project management experience. The next lowest bidder, Psomas, does not meet the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) requirement for the engineering evaluation reports. The next bidder, AKM Consulting Engineers has the necessary experience to meet all the City's regulatory requirements, and is the lowest cost qualified contractor. Further, the City had excellent experience with AKM on the water and wastewater infrastructure studies this past year. As a result, staff recommends awarding the contract to AKM Consulting Engineers in the amount of \$94,360. If approved, the contract will be in the form of a purchase order. The City may cancel the contract at any time without cause, if necessary.