COUNCIL AGENDA: JUNE 18, 2013

SUBJECT: AWARD OF CONTRACT - WELL NO. 32 (DRILLING PHASE) PROJECT

SOURCE Public Works Department - Engineering Division

COMMENT On August 16, 2012, staff received one (1) bid for the Well No. 32 Project (Drilling Phase). The well is located on the north side of Teapot Dome Avenue. east of the Porterville Fairgrounds. This is the first phase of the well project and consists of drilling a 32" diameter bore hole approximately 800 feet deep, installation of steel casing and gravel envelop (gravel pack).

> Funding for this project is from a California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank (CEIDB) loan and was approved in the 2012/2013 Annual Budget. The CIEDB requires the City to prequalify contractors before they can bid on a CIEDB funded project. The City was therefore limited to the two pregualified C-57 licensed Welling Drilling contractors who pulled plans and specifications. Only one of the two contractors submitted a bid proposal.

The bid is as follows:

1. Zim Industries, Inc. Fresno, CA

\$473,125.00

The Engineer's Estimate of Probable Cost is \$429,792.00. The bid received exceeds the Engineer's estimate by 10.08%. Pursuant to current policy adopted by City Council during the September 4, 2012, meeting, the bid would normally be rejected. However, staff respectfully asks that the City Council consider making an exception to the policy. The sole bid exceeds the 10% City Council "bid ceiling" policy by \$353.80.

Staff estimates the cost to revise the construction documents and seek new bids from two pre-qualified contractors to be more than \$2,500. The initial bidding publication costs for this project was \$588. Further, the City is faced with a time constraint associated with the CIEDB loan.

The sole bid received from Zim Industries is in the amount of \$473,125.00. An additional \$47,313 (10%) is requested for 10% construction contingency and an additional \$19.536 (4.1%) is required for construction management, quality control and inspection services. A prior City Council action retained Dee Jaspar and Associate for these services. Total funding requested is \$539,974.

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## RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council:

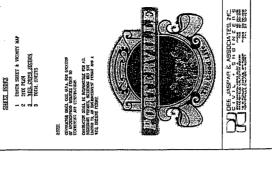
- 1. Award the drilling phase of the Well No. 32 Project to Zim Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$473,125.00;
- 2. Authorize progress payments up to 95% of the contract amount; and
- 3. Authorize a 10% contingency to cover unforeseen construction costs and \$19,536 for construction management, quality control and inspection services.

ATTACHMENT: Locator Map

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## DRILLING A MUNICIPAL WATER WELL CITY WELL NO. 32

PROJECT NO.: 89-9722 BID NO.: 12/13 - CP1797









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