

**SULTAN CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

DATE: October 8, 2009

ITEM NO: C-4

SUBJECT: Approve Bid Award for CDBG Lighted Crosswalk Signal System
Electrical Installation at 3rd Street and High Avenue

CONTACT PERSON: Jon R Stack P.E., City Engineer / Carole Feldmann

Issue:

City Council authorization is needed to approve the quote for the labor portion on installation of the Lightguard Lighted Crosswalk Signal System to Trans-Tech Electric Inc. (Attachment A).

Staff Recommendation:

Staff is recommending City Council authorize award of the bid for installation of one (1) Lightguard Lighted Crosswalk Signal System to Trans-Tech Electric Inc., as the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$13,903.00. This will allow staff to notify Trans-Tech Electric of the bid award and coordinate with them for installation of the Lighted Crosswalk Signal System.

Summary:

In order to use funds awarded for the lighted crosswalk project it was necessary to bid the electrical portion separate from the purchase of the equipment. Bids were solicited from the Municipal Research Services Center, (MRSC) Small Works Roster to 5 electrical contractors of street lighting systems. The City received only 2 responsible bids which are listed below.

Installation of One (1) Lighted Crosswalk Signal System	Trans-Tech Electric, Inc	Valley Electric
2-Lane, 10-Light Lighted XWALK, w/2 Pedestrian Push Buttons 30"x30" Signs w/signal activated Amber Lights Snowplow Resistant	\$13,903.00	\$30,705.00
<i>No Sales Tax on Street Projects</i>	0.00	0.00
Total	\$13,903.00	\$30,705.00

Background:

In 2002 the City received a grant award from CDBG to install the first lighted crosswalk. The project was a success and the City applied for funding on 2 additional crosswalks and was awarded \$53,812.00 in December 2006. The project was put on hold in 2007 due to lack of staffing, in 2008 the City Engineer implemented the project requesting bids from contractors on installation of two lighted crosswalks. The project was bid twice in 2008 each time only one responsible bid was received exceeding the funding by \$50,000.00 each time. Staff contacted CDBG requesting alternatives to the project and it was decided to request an amendment to the initial grant for the installation of only one (1) lighted crosswalk to be purchased directly by the city and the installation portion bid separately. The request required an amendment and authorization from the Policy Advisory Board (PAB) this was granted in February 2009. Finally approval was required by Snohomish County Council which occurred in May 2009. In June 2009 a request was made to install the same system used on 4th Street at Date Avenue, this was denied and staff was directed to obtain multiple bids from manufacturers on *like* lighted crosswalk systems as required in 24 CFR Part 85. The equipment bid was awarded on August 13, 2009 and has been purchased from Sea-Tac Lighting & Controls, Inc., with an expected ship date of October 27, 2009 from the manufacturer.

Alternatives:

There are no alternatives to using the funds and finalizing the project. This grant is currently outstanding with CDBG and in order to maintain good standing and receive future grant awards the city needs to use the funds as authorized.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact to the city the project is funded in full with the grant award of \$53,812.00. After purchasing the crosswalk in the amount of \$16,990.04 and the installation cost of \$13,903.00 leaves a grant fund balance of \$22,918.96 to complete the project. The remaining items include PUD hook-up, ADA Curb(s), asphalt patching, and minimal landscaping. The project is expected to come in under the grant award amount of \$53,812.00.

Recommendation:

Approve the bid for installation of one (1) Lightguard Lighted Crosswalk to Trans-Tech Electrical Inc as the lowest responsible bidder based on the specifications set by the City Engineer at the bid amount of \$13,903.00.

Attachments: A – Bid from Trans-Tech Electric Inc., in the amount of \$13,903.00.

Council Action:

Date: