



June 7, 2011

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt Plans and Specifications No. G-282 for the pipeline relocation work resulting from the I-405 Freeway and Seal Beach Boulevard expansion project; and, authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with A.M. Ortega Construction Company, in an amount not to exceed \$555,416 plus a 15 percent contingency of \$83,313. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

To accommodate the widening of the I-405 Freeway, the Long Beach Gas and Oil Department (LBGO) is involved in the relocation of gas pipeline at the intersection of Seal Beach Boulevard and I-405 Freeway. The requested action will establish a contract to perform gas pipeline relocation work at this site. The materials and supplies required for the project will be purchased by LBGO under separate material and supply contracts. This work is funded from the Gas Fund's infrastructure replacement budget. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, Categorical Exemption Number CE-92-11 has been issued for this project. City Council adoption of both the plans and specifications and the award of the contract are being recommended concurrently to expedite project implementation.

An invitation to bid was advertised in the Press-Telegram on March 18, 2011. The bid document was made available from the City's Purchasing Division's website at www.longbeach.gov/purchasing. Three potential bidders attended the Bidder's Conference on April 20, 2011, and two bids were received and publicly opened on April 27, 2011. Of those two bidders, one is a Minority-owned Business Enterprise (MBE), and none were a Woman-owned Business Enterprise (WBE), Small Business Enterprise (SBE), or Long Beach business. A. M. Ortega Construction Company, of Lakeside, CA (not a WBE, SBE, or a Local), is the lowest responsible bidder.

Local Business Outreach:

In a continuing effort to increase participation of the Long Beach businesses, bids were sent to trade publications catering to the Construction industry. In addition, we reviewed other local resources in order to find local contractors but there were no local contractors that specialize in the construction or relocation of natural gas pipelines. Our outreach goal during the bid process is to encourage Long Beach businesses to take advantage of local preferences offered by the City and submit bids for the City contracts.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Richard Anthony on May 9, 2011 and Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on May 10, 2011.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on June 7, 2011, to authorize commencement of this project. Construction is anticipated to begin in July 2011 and should be completed within 120 business days.

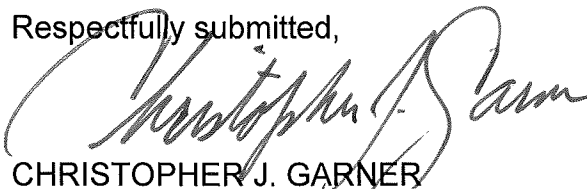
FISCAL IMPACT

The contract award is for an amount not to exceed \$555,416 plus a contingency amount of \$83,313 (15 percent) to address any unforeseen costs during construction. The required funding is budgeted in the Gas Fund (EF 301) in the Long Beach Gas and Oil Department (GO). There is no impact to the General Fund or local jobs.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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