



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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March 1, 2005

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Plans and Specifications No. R-6671 for the Annual Contract for Tree Trimming Services, and authorize the City Manager to award the contract to TruGreen Landcare, a California General Partnership, in an amount not to exceed \$800,000 and execute the contract, and all necessary documents, including time extensions, related to the contract. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

For over a decade, private contractors have been utilized to complement City forces to trim street trees within the public rights-of-way. Through the contract, timely maintenance is performed, thereby preserving and protecting the urban forest by reducing the number of trees damaged or destroyed by overgrowth and inclement weather. Complementing the Public Works tree trimming operation with contracted services has proven to be an effective means of providing this service to the public.

The current contract will expire in March. Staff advertised a replacement contract for bids on November 19, 2004 and bids were opened on December 15, 2004. The contract was structured to require the contractor to pay State prevailing wages to their full-time and part-time employees working under the contract with the City. In addition, the contract allows for an extension of the contract for up to two additional one-year terms, if both the City and the contractor agree to the extension and price increase, if appropriate. City Council adoption of the plans and specifications and award of the contract to the lowest responsible bidder are being recommended concurrently to expedite the project implementation. It is recommended that the City Council award a contract to TruGreen Landcare, a California General Partnership. Information regarding TruGreen Landcare is provided on the attached Contract Awards sheet.

This matter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna F. Gwin and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on February 8, 2005.

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is requested on March 1, 2005, to maintain continuity with the City's tree trimming cycles.

FISCAL IMPACT

Due to the use of this contract by various City Departments, the contract award is for an estimated amount of \$800,000. Individual purchase orders issued under this contract will be funded by the department issuing the purchase order within current appropriations; no appropriation increases are required.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Attachment

P/cl/fy05/feb/r6671annual tree contract

APPROVED:



GERALD R. MILLER
CITY MANAGER