



## Legislation Text

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Recommendation to adopt Plans and Specifications No. R-7166 and award a contract to Keller North America, Inc., of Irvine, CA, for construction of the Long Beach Municipal Urban Stormwater Treatment Facility Ground Improvements Project, in the amount of \$1,260,000, with a 15 percent contingency in the amount of \$189,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,449,000; and, authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to enter into the contract, including any necessary amendments. (District 1)

City Council approval is requested to enter into a contract with Keller North America, Inc., to provide construction services for ground improvements for the Long Beach Municipal Urban Stormwater Treatment (LB-MUST) Facility Ground Improvements Project (Project).

The Project will construct a stormwater treatment facility and new wetland habitat area near the Shoemaker Bridge at 901 DeForest Avenue (Attachment A). The goal of the Project is to improve Long Beach's water quality to benefit aquatic life and recreational beach activities. By capturing and cleaning urban stormwater runoff, the Project will reduce pollution that would otherwise discharge into the Los Angeles River (LAR) and enter Long Beach's beaches. The recycled water byproduct will help sustain a wetland habitat proposed as part of the Project. These activities ensure compliance with the City's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

Prior to construction of the LB-MUST facility, the soil at the project site needs to be strengthened to support the future building and equipment. The ground improvement work requires mixing cement grout with the soils beneath the future building foundation area. Separate contracts will be awarded for construction of the LB-MUST facility and associated wetland area. Completion of the LB-MUST facility and wetland area is expected by the end of 2022.

The bid was advertised in the Long Beach Press-Telegram on December 14, 2019, and 152 potential bidders specializing in related construction services were notified of the bid opportunity. Of those potential bidders, 23 downloaded the bid via the City's electronic bid system. The specifications were made available on the Purchasing Division's website at [www.longbeach.gov/purchasing](http://www.longbeach.gov/purchasing) <<http://www.longbeach.gov/purchasing>>. A bid announcement was also included in the Purchasing Division's weekly update of Open Bid Opportunities, which is sent to 29 local, minority-owned and women-owned business groups. Two bids were received on January 24, 2020. Of those two bidders, none were Women-owned Business Enterprises (WBEs), Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs), Minority-owned Business Enterprises (MBEs), certified Small Business Enterprises (SBEs), or Long Beach businesses (Local). Keller North America, Inc. (previously known as Hayward Baker,

Inc.), of Irvine, CA, was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

## **Local Business Outreach**

In an effort to align with the City's outreach goal, Long Beach businesses are encouraged to submit bids for City contracts. The Purchasing Division also assists businesses with registering on the PlanetBids database to download the bid specifications. Through outreach, 11 Long Beach vendors were notified to submit bids, of which one downloaded and none submitted a bid. The Purchasing Division is committed to continuing to perform outreach to local vendors to expand the bidder pool.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Amy R. Webber on February 19, 2020, Purchasing Agent Tara Yeats on February 20, 2020, and by Budget Analysis Officer Julissa José-Murray on February 27, 2020.

## **SUSTAINABILITY**

The Project is expected to achieve Envision Platinum certification, and the LB-MUST Facility is expected to be LEED Silver certified. Additionally, treated water from the LB-MUST Facility will provide potable water offset by sustaining the proposed wetland and potentially irrigating other City facilities to offset potable water use and provide future water resiliency.

City Council action to adopt Plans and Specifications No. R-7166 and award a contract concurrently is requested on March 17, 2020, to ensure the contract is in place expeditiously.

The total project cost will not exceed \$1,858,500, which is inclusive of the contract award amount of \$1,449,000, contingency, and costs for construction, construction management, labor compliance, and project oversight. Sufficient appropriation to support the total project cost is budgeted in the Capital Projects Fund Group in the Public Works Department. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. The number of local jobs created by this action will not be known until the contractor completes hiring and construction has commenced.

Approve recommendation.

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