



Building A Better Long Beach

March 15, 2010

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEMBERS
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with Gonzales Construction for the construction of Fire Station 12 and Emergency Resource Center in an amount not to exceed \$8,122,931. (North – District 9)

DISCUSSION

Redevelopment Agency (Agency) staff has been working cooperatively with the Fire Department (Fire) during the past 18 months to finalize design and specifications for the new Fire Station 12 and Emergency Resource Center. The facilities will be located at 1199 East Artesia Boulevard and will be built on a 1.2-acre, Agency-owned site in the North Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area (Exhibit A – Site Map). The new station will replace the current fire station located at 6509 Gundry Avenue and will provide a 12,511-square-foot fire station and a 5,183-square-foot Emergency Resource Center to serve as an important emergency supply and distribution facility in North Long Beach (Exhibit B – Renderings). The Agency and City Council made the necessary findings of benefit as required by California Redevelopment Law on June 4, 2007, and June 12, 2007, respectively.

On January 13, 2010, Deputy City Attorney Linda Trang reviewed and approved the Plans and Specifications prepared by Beverly Prior Architects and the Department of Public Works. The Plans and Specifications were advertised for bids on January 15, 2010, and a total of 19 bids were opened on February 18, 2010. The Design Engineer's estimate for construction costs was \$9,883,500. Gonzales Construction was the lowest responsible bidder with a bid of \$6,498,345. The bid amount reflects the highly competitive market for construction projects and represents significant potential project savings.

The work to be done consists primarily of the construction of a new three-bay fire station; a separate three-bay emergency resource center to accommodate miscellaneous equipment and wireless communication equipment; coordination of the installation of a 100-foot wireless communications tower; and related off-site improvements, which consist of utilities and sewer relocation, a new traffic signal, and site improvements necessary for the Fire Station. Staff will return to the Agency Board for approval of a contract for the installation of the communications tower and the security system, which were not included in the bid for construction.

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The proposed contract amount of \$8,122,931 includes a 25 percent contingency clause to cover any additional work that may become necessary during the course of construction. In the event that additional work is necessary, the contract will provide that the Executive Director may authorize contract change orders not to exceed the 25 percent contingency. Although not anticipated, any contract change orders that would exceed the 25 percent contingency will be brought before the Agency Board for further consideration.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Amy Bodek", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

AMY J. BODEK
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Attachments: Exhibit A – Site Map
Exhibit B – Renderings

City of Long Beach
Redevelopment Agency
Fire Station No. 12 Development Site



Exhibit B

Fire Station 12 Design Renderings

