



REPORT TO SUCCESSOR AGENCY

To: Honorable Chair and Members of the Successor Agency

From: Grant Yates, Executive Director

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Subject: Award a Purchase and Delivery Agreement to The Landscape Center (TLC) in the amount of \$400,000.00 for the removal of hazardous, invasive trees and purchase, and delivery of replacement trees and shrubs for the Successor Agency Property

Recommendations

1. Approve, appropriate and authorize the Executive Director to execute an agreement with The Landscape Center in the amount of \$400,000.00 for the specific transplant or removal of hazardous Eucalyptus trees and the purchase and delivery of replacement trees and shrubs in such final form as approved by Agency Counsel.
2. Find that the proposed purchase of the selected porcelain tile flooring materials is in the best interests of the Agency and the City and waive the formal bidding process pursuant to Lake Elsinore Municipal Code Section 3.08.070(G).

Background

Staff has researched several tree planting and growing vendors and received proposals from two landscape contractors capable of supplying, delivering and planting specimen palm trees of various varieties. These palm trees are the non-fruit bearing trees. The trees have been grown in various horticulture operations in the Mecca and Palm Desert areas and shall acclimate to the Lake Elsinore area well. These trees have been used in the landscape scheme in other parks and facilities. Their operation, processes, organization and management oversight is second to none as this has been consistently observed and experience with the success rate of planting many large palms.

Discussion

The Landscape Center has provided in the past very competitive price per tree including delivery and sales tax at \$4,382.50. For the same tree West Coast Arborist proposal was \$5,100.00 per tree. In this agreement the Agency will purchase a wide variety of trees and shrubs to complete the landscaping capital repairs for trees that are posing a hazard to property and people due to age and leaning. The below is an Itemized list of the trees and shrubs that will be considered for purchase: (Each purchase will be negotiated for size, quality, and price.)

- 12' to 20' Palm trees – various species (all diamond cut (cat eye) trunk and pineapple cut the top portion of the tree trunk)
- 24 inch to 48 inch box trees – various (Crepe myrtle Trees (multi-color) etc)
- 5 gal plant material various
- 1- 5 gal plant material various seasonal

These trees and shrubs will be utilized in areas to make a significant statement and present shade opportunities to mitigate the need to install expensive shade structures. For example, the Macho Dactyfitera Male Date Palm Trees are considered high quality ("A" rated trees) and are typically utilized in resort hotel landscaping themes and with up to 30-foot canopies can provide substantial shade. All of these trees and shrubs will be hand selected and tagged by the project manager before delivery to the site. The restrained tree crowns will remain secured for a minimum of 90 days and/or as advised by The Landscape Center arborist.

Waiver of Competitive Bidding Procedures

Pursuant to Section 3.08.070(G) of the Lake Elsinore Municipal Code, the Successor Agency has the discretion to waive the competitive bidding procedures when the proposed purchase is in the best interest of the Agency and the City. Based on the benefits outlined above, staff recommends that the Successor Agency waive the competitive bidding pursuant to Municipal Code Section 3.08.070(G) and allow the Executive Director to contract directly with The Landscape Center to purchase the tree, shrub and landscape materials as outlined in this agenda report.

Fiscal Impact

The removal of hazardous trees and purchase of replacement trees and shrubs will be funded within ROPS funding pursuant to the capital repair schedule of the Interim Stadium Management Agreement.

Exhibits

A - The standard Purchase Agreement will be utilized for each purchase and delivery of trees and shrubs and in total not to exceed \$400,000.00.