

City of Culver City, California
City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: 04/20/09		Item Number: C-2	
AGENDA ITEM: Approval of a Professional Services Agreement with RTI Consulting, Inc. for Construction Management Services for the Fire Station No. 3 Project			
Contact Person/Dept.: Andy O'Connell/PW		Phone Number: (310) 253-5606	
Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐		General Fund: Yes ☒ No ☐	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☐	Attachments: ☒
Public Notification: Master E-Mail Notification List (04/15/09) Chief Jeff Eastman, Fire Department, by e-mail on April 8, 2009 RTI Consulting verbally on April 8, 2009			
Department Approval: Charles D. Herbertson (04/09/09)		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Baker) (04/16/09)	
Chief Financial Officer Review: Jeff Muir (by N. Kimball) (04/15/09)		City Manager Approval: Jerry B. Fulwood (04/16/09)	

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council approve a professional services agreement with RTI Consulting Inc. to provide Construction Management Services for the Fire Station No. 3 Project.

BACKGROUND:

The City Council originally approved RCI Consulting, Inc. as the Construction Manager for the Fire Station No. 3 Project. Work on the fire station began in August of 2007. The construction manager assigned by RCI Consulting, Inc. for the Fire Station No. 3 Project was Paul Bilodeau.

Mr. Bilodeau worked full-time at the job site and provided the City with detailed observations and reports and invaluable recommendations. Tragically, on or about January 2, 2009, Mr. Bilodeau was found fatally injured by an unknown assailant. Due to this incident, construction was suspended between January 9, 2009 and February 23, 2009. During the suspension, Nick Rollins (principal owner of RCI Consulting, Inc.) and his staff worked vigorously to weatherproof the building, collect and organize RCI's files from the construction trailer and transport them to City Hall, and provided detailed reports on the project status. After this period, Mr. Rollins informed the City that RCI would not be available to continue as the construction manager on this project.

DISCUSSION:

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Since RCI Consulting, Inc.'s decision not to remain as construction manager came at the last minute prior to the recommencement of work on February 23, 2009, a replacement construction manager had to be found immediately. RTI Consulting, Inc. was contacted and found to be available for the remaining portion of construction. RTI Consulting, Inc. has previous experience with the City as construction manager for the Plunge building renovation in 2004. During this project, Bob Neiworth (the principal owner of RTI Consulting, Inc.) provided outstanding services as the construction manager. Staff now recommends entering into a contract with RTI Consulting, Inc. to continue to provide construction management services for this project until completion which is estimated to be the end of June, 2009.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

Due to the above mentioned work conducted by RCI Consulting after construction was delayed (i.e. waterproofing, record collection, organization, and removal, detailed project cost reports, etc.) there is very little savings under their original contract amount. The proposed not to exceed contract amount of \$43,205 (including contingency amount) will be included in contingency amount that was originally planned for the entire project. A recent cost estimate of the entire project indicates that there are sufficient funds in the Fire Station No. 3 (42000832) budget to accommodate the cost of RTI Consulting, Inc. agreement.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. April 8, 2009, RTI Consulting, Inc. Proposal.

MOTIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve a professional services agreement with RTI Consulting, Inc. to provide construction management services for the Fire Station No.3 Project for a not-to-exceed amount of \$38,205; and,
2. Authorize the Public Works Director/City Engineer to increase the contract by an amount not-to-exceed \$5,000, if necessary; and,

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3. Authorize the City Attorney to review/prepare the necessary documents; and,

4. Authorize the City Manager to execute such on behalf of the City.