

MEETING DATE: 12/05/11

AGENDA ITEM: (1) Reject Bids submitted by Rafael 26 Construction, Inc. and Araghi Corporation; and (2) Award a Construction Contract to Hoffman Management and Construction Corporation for the Construction of Fire Station #1 Exterior Staircase Reconstruction Project, P-931

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November 6, 2011

*City of Culver City
Dept. of Public Works/ Engineer Division
Attn: Mr. Lee Torres / Associate Engineer
9770 Culver Boulevard
Culver City, CA 90232*

RE: award of Fire Station #1 Exterior Staircase Reconstruction Project, P-931

Mr. Torres,

We are disappointed to hear the decision from your department in not awarding the **Fire Station #1 Exterior Staircase Reconstruction Project, P-931** to our company. My understanding is that you will be recommending your decision to the City Council tomorrow 11-7-11.

Is there an official appeal process that will allow us a second chance in being reviewed for award of this project?

Araghi Corp is a fairly newly established corporation, however the experience of the shareholders and executive staff of this company holds over 20 years experience in Public Works construction and we consider this project a very minor and small scale project. A majority of the projects completed by the executive staff have been for the seismic retrofit of bridge super structures with structural steel and concrete re-enforcements bid items.

Our listed sub-contractor for this project responsible for completing the fabrication of the steel staircase holds a C-51 license and also has over 20 years experience in the field of steel fabrication, which include steel staircases.

Araghi Corp feels confident that given the extensive experience of its representatives who will be actively involved in this project and the professional dedication that we show each and every project in which we are contracted to complete that we will be able to deliver the finest finished product using only the best skill and workmanship the industry has to offer. I, as President of Araghi Corp can give you my personal guarantee that the City of Culver City will not regret awarding this project to our firm.

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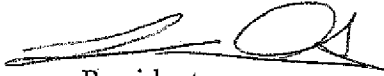
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We hope that your department will reconsider its decision in making its recommendation to the City Council and proceed with awarding the project to Araghi Corp.

Thank you,

Sam Araghi



President

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November 16, 2011

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**Culver City Fire Station #1 Exterior Staircase Reconstruction Project, P-931
Response Letter to Protest of Award**

Dear Mr. Araghi,

The City is in receipt of your letter dated November 6, 2011 protesting the recommendation to award the above construction contract to Hoffman Management and Construction and requesting an appeal of Staff's decision.

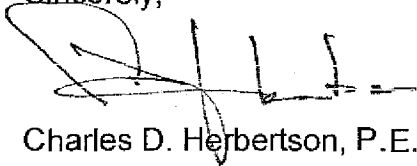
I have carefully reviewed with my Staff your bid documents, letters, and additional construction experience you provided on October 7, 2011. Based on my review of the documents, I have concluded that you did not provide the minimum construction experience of least two (2) "steel staircase" construction projects and two (2) projects involving water intrusion related repair as outlined in the Bid Specifications, Section C, 5.6.2 (a). We have also determined that most of the bidders on the project provided documentation of construction experiences with steel staircase projects. It appears that there is an ample amount of qualified contractors that can conduct steel staircase construction for the City. We do not consider this project to be unique and lacking project interest.

Please be advised that Public Works Department will continue to recommend to the City Council on December 5, 2011, 7:00 p.m. at the City Council meeting to find Rafael 26 and Araghi Corporation as non-responsive bidders and reject their

bid proposals, and award the contract to the third lowest bidder, Hoffman Management and Construction, for the construction of Fire Station #1 Exterior Staircase Reconstruction Project, P-931.

If you have any questions, please contact Lee Torres, Project Manager/Associate Engineer at 310.253.5623.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Herbertson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Charles D. Herbertson, P.E. Public Works Director/ City Engineer

CC: Mate Gaspar, P.E., Engineering Services Manager

Lee Torres, Project Manager/Associate Engineer