

**City of Culver City, California
Agenda Item Report**

Meeting Date: 11/14/11		Item Number: <u>C-7</u>	
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM: Reject All Bids for the Construction of Sewer Main Lining Rehabilitation Project (Phase II), P-906 & Lining of Abandoned 10" Force Main on Braddock Dr., P-984			
Contact Person/Dept.: Hong Wang, Public Works Department		Phone Number: (310) 253-5604	
Fiscal Impact: Yes ☐ No ☒		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☐	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☐ Attachments: ☐	
Commission Action Required: Yes ☐ No ☐ Date: _____			
Public Notification: (E-Mail) Meetings and Agendas – City Council (11/11/11); (Telephone) – All bidders (11/9/11)			
Department Approval: Charles D. Herbertson (11/01/11)		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Baker) (11/09/11)	
Chief Financial Officer Approval: Jeff Muir (11/09/11)		City Manager Approval: John M. Nachbar (11/10/11)	
<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Staff recommends the City Council reject all bids for the construction of Sewer Main Lining Rehabilitation Project (Phase II), P-906 & Lining of Abandoned 10" Force Main on Braddock Dr., P-984. <u>BACKGROUND:</u> Trenchless construction technology is a new method to rehabilitate sewer mains with minimum disruption to the public. Most of the sewer mains contained in this project are located along the rear property line easements where they are difficult to access and maintain. These sewer lines were constructed between the 1920's and the 1940's, and the video tape inspection showed root damage, protruding laterals, and offset joints. Approximately 7.5 miles (out of the total 90 miles of city sewer mains) are proposed to be rehabilitated as part of this sewer lining project. On May 2, 2011, the City Council approved the final plans and specifications and authorized the advertisement for bids. <u>DISCUSSION:</u> <u>Construction Bids:</u> The combined project was advertized for construction bids in the local newspaper, on the City's website, and in trade journals. On August 25, 2011, the City Clerk's			

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Office publicly opened bids. Three contractors responded with the following bid amounts:

CONTRACTOR	BID AMOUNTS
1. Insituform Technologies, Inc.	\$2,196,619
2. Re-Pipe	\$2,394,780
3. Sancon Engineering Inc.	\$2,935,150

As part of bidding requirements, the bidders are required to submit qualification, certification, and experience related to the sewer main, lateral, manhole and pressured main lining work. The documents state that failure to submit satisfactory supporting documents may result in the bidder being deemed non-responsive.

After the bid opening, the apparent second lowest bidder, Re-pipe, submitted a bid protest claiming that Insituform's bid proposal is not responsive because it did not satisfy the requirements set forth in the instructions to bidders, (the requirement to submit the qualification and experience documents related to the sewer lateral lining system).

Insituform subsequently filed a bid protest against Re-Pipe and Sancon for lacking specific pressure pipe lining experience as specified in the contract documents.

Staff reviewed all the bid forms, as well as the bid protests, and found that all the Contractors have some missing information and/or lack the project experience in one component or the other as described in the aforementioned bid protests.

Staff discussed the results of the bid with the City Attorney's office and it is mutually agreed that it is in the City's best interest to reject all bids at this time. Therefore, staff is recommending the City Council, in accordance with its authority pursuant to Section 3.07.075.E.1, reject all the bids.

Staff recommends that this project be combined with phase III of the easement sewer lining project and bid out in the Spring of 2012. This project consolidation will allow staff to focus on other high priority capital projects currently under construction. In order to avoid a repeat result, the project requirements will be reduced but still conform to national industry standards.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

There is no fiscal impact associated with rejection of the bids.

MOTION:

That the City Council:

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Reject all bids submitted for the construction of Sewer Main Lining Rehabilitation Project (Phase II), P-906 & Lining of Abandoned 10" Force Main on Braddock Dr., P-984.