

Agenda Report



MEETING DATE: Tuesday, June 11, 2024

TO: City Council

FROM: PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR CALUBAQUIB
SR. UTILITIES ENGINEER BERRY

SUBJECT: AWARDING CONTRACT TO HARRIS & ASSOCIATES, INC.
FOR ON-CALL PROFESIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR
THE RAMSAY PARK RENAISSANCE PROJECT, NO. PK-22-01,
AND THE WATSONVILLE EXPLORATION/NATURE CENTER,
PROJECT NO. CB 23-01, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
\$449,864

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution awarding a contract to Harris & Associates, Inc., a corporation, for On-Call Professional Engineering Services for the Ramsay Park Renaissance Project, PK-22-01, and the Watsonville Exploration/Nature Center, Project No. CB 23-01, in an amount not to exceed \$449,864; appropriating said funds, and directing the Interim City Manager to execute same.

BACKGROUND:

On March 26, 2024, the City Council awarded a construction contract to Robert A Bothman through Resolution No. 45-24 (CM) for the Ramsay Park Renaissance Project, No. PK-22-01. The Ramsay Park Renaissance Project consists of enhancements to the existing soccer and softball fields, playground equipment, picnic areas, and parking lot improvements. Additional improvements include new onsite circulation, lighting, site drainage and stormwater facilities, ADA paths of travel, landscaping and irrigation, site furnishings, signage, trash receptacles and enclosures.

Included within Ramsay Park, but not part of the Ramsay Park Renaissance Project's scope of work, is the construction of a new 3,675+ square-foot Nature Center. The Nature Center Project is overseen by the Outreach Division in the Public Works & Utilities Department. Currently under design, the Nature Center Project will include a lobby and exhibit rotunda, a community exhibit hall, an open office area, a concrete amphitheater, an accessible trail, and a picnic area. Extensive collaboration between Public Works and Parks & Community Services Department has been required due to the park boundary vicinity for the two projects.

DISCUSSION:

As construction begins for the Ramsay Park Renaissance Project (PK-22-01), part-time inspection services are needed to conduct daily inspections, attend weekly contractor meetings, write daily reports, and project coordination with other staff working (i.e. city inspectors, Caltrans, field staff). On-call engineering services under this contract may be used for other Parks & Community Services projects as needed. Additionally, the Watsonville Exploration/Nature Center, Project No. CB 23-01 has a need for forthcoming part-time construction management services to include attending project meetings, produce meeting minutes, monitor Requests for Information (RFI), review field direction, and review change orders. Therefore, an on-call contract for professional engineering services is needed to execute essential elements of the projects.

On May 12, 2021, the Public Works & Utilities (PW) Department publicly advertised a Request for Qualification Statements from Consulting Engineering Firms for Periodic and On-Call Professional Engineering Services for staff augmentation, design, construction management, and inspection services. Submittals were due June 15, 2021, and the staff selection committee reviewed all statements of qualifications to determine which firms were qualified to provide on-call engineering services for Public Works. A list of qualified on-call firms was released on July 30th, 2021, and it will be maintained for three (3) years.

Staff requested a cost proposal from Harris & Associates, Inc. who are listed on the On-Call Professional Engineering Services list for the City of Watsonville Public Works & Utilities Department effective July 30, 2021 (Attachment A). Harris & Associates, Inc. will provide professional engineering services as described in the discussion of this report and as referenced in the contract's scope of work labelled as "Exhibit A".

STRATEGIC PLAN:

The project supports the following priorities:

2- Infrastructure & Environment: Address City's Aging Facilities

6 – Community Engagement & Well-Being: Promote Parks and Pedestrian Safety

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

It is recommended that this contract be entered as an unencumbered not to exceed the amount of \$449,864.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

None. The City does not have the resources to conduct this work in-house.

ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (If any):

Attachment A: Public Works Engineering Consultants On-Call List