

Council Meeting of
July 25, 2006

Honorable Members
of the Torrance City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

**SUBJECT: Purchase Order for Ready Mix Concrete Class "A", Class "C"
and Slurry Mix for a Two (2) Year Period.**

Reference Bid No. B2006-23

Expenditure: Not To Exceed \$ 680,220 over two years.

RECOMMENDATION

The Public Works Director recommends that the City Council authorize a purchasing agreement with A & A Ready Mix Concrete, Inc. of Newport Beach, California, in an amount not to exceed \$680,220, for ready mix concrete, Class "A", Class "C" and Slurry Mix, on an "as needed basis" for a two (2) year period. The term of the purchasing agreement will be from August 4, 2006 to August 3, 2008.

Funding

Funding is available in the Public Works Department's 2006/2007 Operating Budget. It is anticipated that like funds will be available in their 2007/2008 Operating Budget.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

Ready mix concrete and slurry mix (cement and sand mixture) are used by the Operations Division of the Public Works Department on an on-going basis for various street, curb and sidewalk repair projects. In addition, other departments will also utilize this purchasing agreement for their concrete and slurry mix needs. It is essential for the efficient operation of the Public Works Department to have a readily available source for ready-mix concrete and slurry mix.

A bid opening was scheduled to be held on June 1, 2006. Although the City sent approximately 30 notices of bid to prospective bidders, no bids were received. A bid was received a day later from the City's current supplier, A & A Ready Mix Concrete, Inc. of Newport Beach, California.

Staff contacted the other companies to determine why they did not respond. They indicated that they either did not carry the product, did not sell it in large quantities or could not meet the City's requirements of no standby charges.

Staff is recommending that the City accept the late bid received from A & A Ready Mix Concrete, Inc. A & A Ready Mix Concrete, Inc. has provided ready mixed concrete and slurry mix to the City for the last eight (8) years. Their pricing is very competitive and they provide outstanding service.

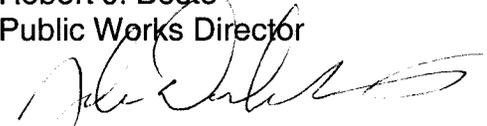
The Torrance Municipal Code, (Section 22.3.10) allows the City to waive irregularities in the bid and staff feels it is in the best interest of the City not to re-bid this requirement and to accept the late bid received from A & A Ready Mixed Concrete, Inc.

SECTION 22.3.10 WAIVER OF DEFECTS AND TECHNICALITIES.

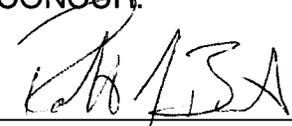
The City may waive defects, technicalities or informalities when to do is in the best interests of the City.

Respectfully submitted,

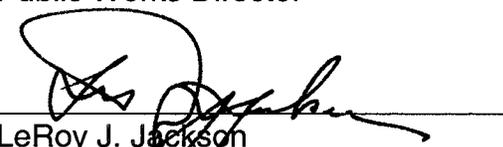
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CONCUR:



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Public Works Director



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