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Reject the Sole Responsive Bid for IFB No. 9137 – Procurement of Rectifiers and Transformers

PURPOSE: To obtain Board Authorization for the General Manager to reject the sole responsive Bid received for IFB No. 9137, Procurement of Rectifiers and Transformers.

DISCUSSION: Transformers and rectifiers are integral components of a traction power substation. IFB No. 9137 is for the procurement of two spare transformers and two rectifiers for traction power emergent needs. Spare transformers and rectifiers are needed to ensure the reliability of BART's traction power system.

IFB No. 9137 was advertised on January 5th, 2024 and advanced notice was emailed to thirty-seven (37) prospective Bidders resulting in thirty-eight (38) downloads of the Bid package. A pre-Bid meeting was held on January 19th, 2024.

The following Bids were received on Bid Opening day, July 23, 2024:

Bidder	Location	Total Bid	Percent of Estimate
Blocka Construction, Inc.	Pleasanton, CA	\$6,547,000	204%
Blackstar Diversified Enterprises Inc.	New Orleans, LA	\$4,900,000	153%
Engineer's Estimate		\$3,200,000	

District staff received an apparent low Bid from Blackstar Diversified Enterprises Inc. however, this Bid did not conform to the District's bidding requirements and was deemed

non-responsive. The District reviewed the second apparent low Bid received from Blocka Construction, Inc. ("Blocka") and determined that it is responsive to the solicitation.

However, Blocka's Bid price is \$3,347,000 higher than the Engineer's Estimate and exceeds the project budget.

The sole responsive Bid from Blocka is more than double the price of the Engineer's Estimate and there is large variance among the two Bid prices as compared to the Engineer's Estimate.

Based on market research and feedback from the potential Bidders, staff believes that the District could receive Bids at a more favorable price by performing additional outreach and modifying the requirements and specifications to be more favorable to small businesses.

Accordingly, staff recommends to reject the second apparent low Bid and permit staff to re-advertise the contract.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact to the District to reject the only responsive Bid received for IFB No. 9137.

ALTERNATIVES: The Board may choose to award the contract to Blocka. However, Blocka's Bid price is much higher than market price, as well as the Engineer's Estimate.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Board adopt the following motion:

MOTION: The General Manager is authorized to reject the sole responsive Bid for IFB No. 9137, Procurement of Rectifiers and Transformers.