



EXECUTIVE DECISION DOCUMENT

GENERAL MANAGER APPROVAL: 2/20/2020		GENERAL MANAGER ACTION REQ'D: Approve and Forward to the Board		
DATE: 2/12/2020		BOARD INITIATED ITEM: No		
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Reject All Bids for Contract Number 15EI-182, Cast Coil Transformer Replacement Project

PURPOSE:

To obtain Board authorization for the General Manager to reject all Bids received for Contract No. 15EI-182, Cast Coil Transformer Replacement Project.

DISCUSSION:

Contract No. 15EI-182 is for the replacement of 24 Traction Power heavy duty Cast Coil transformers at 12 Traction Power Substations located on the C-Line and L-Line. The contract work includes the demolition and disposal of the existing transformers, construction of new foundation pads and oil containment facilities, and installation of the replacement Transformers.

Advanced Notice to Bidders was emailed, published and posted to the BART Procurement Portal to one hundred ninety-four (194) prospective bidders with an A Contractor License Classification on September 30, 2019. Bids were opened on November 11, 2019, and the following two (2) bids were received:

BIDDER	TOTAL BID PRICE
Blocka Construction, Inc., Fremont, CA	\$20,347,400.00
Becker Electric, Inc., San Francisco, CA	\$23,268,025.52
Engineer's Estimate	\$14,106,200.00

Review of the Bids by District staff revealed that the low bidder's bid is \$6,241,200 higher than engineer's estimate and exceed the project budget.

Staff conducted a line-item evaluation and determined the Transformer unit price submitted by the lowest bidder is significantly higher than engineer's estimate in material/equipment cost as well as design testing. Staff also reached out to different suppliers and determined the Engineer's estimate is fair and reasonable.

In addition, staff found that the limited competition due to the saturated job market also contributed to the bid price above the Engineer's Estimate.

Staff recommends that the Board reject all Bids. Staff will be re-evaluating the details of Contract requirements. Staff will determine if repackaging and re-advertising will attract more favorable bids to the District.

CAPITAL FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact as a result of rejecting all Bids.

ALTERNATIVES:

Award the Contract to the lowest Bidder, which will involve expenditures beyond the project's budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

On the basis of analysis and evaluation by Staff, it is recommended that the Board adopt the following Motion:

MOTION:

The General Manager is authorized to reject all Bids for Contract No. 15EI-182 - Cast Coil Transformer Replacement Project.