



**TO:** Board of Contracts and Awards  
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**SUBJECT:** Beautification of City Entranceways and Improved Signage Project  
Request for Bids Specification No. PW15-0404F – December 15, 2015  
**DATE:** November 24, 2015

**SUMMARY:**

The Public Works Department recommends a contract be awarded to Transportation Systems, Inc., Sumner, WA, for the construction of the Beautification of City Entranceways and Improved Signage project. The contract amount reflects a base award of \$238,530.00 plus a 12 percent contingency, for a cumulative amount of \$267,153.60, sales tax not applicable.

**STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:**

- Cultivate a vibrant cultural sector that fosters a creative, cohesive community.
- Assure outstanding stewardship of the natural and built environment.

The project will shape Tacoma’s appearance, define entrances into the City, and create a strong sense of arrival to each community within the City.

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2014, at the request of the City Manager, Public Works staff worked with staff from Neighborhood and Community Services and Community & Economic Development departments to identify entranceway locations throughout the City that would become candidates for beautification and capital improvements in the future. Staff focused on primary arterials that cross the City boundary. This effort resulted in the identification of nine potential locations across the City.

ISSUE: Nine gateways into Tacoma were initially identified for installing entranceway signs. In the spring of 2015, an entranceway sign from University Place was installed on South 56<sup>th</sup> Street at Orchard Street. Four additional sign locations were selected for funding and construction.

The planned improvements include entranceways from University Place at South 19th Street and South Jackson Avenue, Fircrest at South Center Street and South Mullen Street, Federal Way at South Northshore Parkway and 45th Avenue, and Parkland at South 72nd and East F Street.

ALTERNATIVES: The alternative is not installing the signs. This option will impede enhancement and standardization of the City entranceways.

COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION: Request for bids. Specification No. PW15-0404F was opened on November 10, 2015. The project was listed on the City’s Purchasing website and advertised in the Tacoma Daily Index. The City received five bid submittals. All the bid proposals were reviewed and determined to be responsive.



The Table below reflects the amount of the base award.

| <u>Respondent</u>                                | <u>Location (city and state)</u> | <u>Submittal Amount</u> | <u>Evaluated Submittal</u> |
|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Transportation Systems, Inc.</b>              | <b>Sumner, WA</b>                | <b>\$238,530.00</b>     | <b>\$226,603.50</b>        |
| Global Contractors, LLC                          | Tacoma, WA                       | \$245,480.00            | \$233,206.00               |
| David M. Ayres DBA:<br>American Builders Company | Renton, WA                       | \$251,386.55            | \$251,386.55               |
| Northeast Electric, LLC                          | Woodland, WA                     | \$253,156.00            | \$240,498.20               |
| Nordic Construction, Inc.                        | Fife, WA                         | \$337,484.34            | \$337,484.34               |

Pre-bid Estimate: \$228,850.00

The recommended award is 4.2 percent above the pre-bid estimate.

CONTRACT HISTORY: New contract.

SUSTAINABILITY: The project will enhance the appearance of entranceways and create a strong sense of arrival to each community. The signs will include LED lights to reduce energy consumption.

SBE/LEAP COMPLIANCE: The recommended contractor is in compliance with the Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Regulation requirements per memorandum dated November 23, 2015. The SBE goal for this project is 6 percent. The SBE participation level of the recommended contractor is 100 percent. Transportation Systems, Inc., submitted the lowest evaluated bid per the SBE Regulation requirements. The Local Employment and Apprenticeship Training Program (LEAP) goal is 150 hours.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Public Works Department recommends a contract be awarded to low bidder Transportation Systems, Inc., Sumner, WA, for the construction of the Beautification of City Entranceways and Improved Signage project. The contract amount reflects a base award of \$238,530.00 plus a 12 percent contingency, for a cumulative amount of \$267,153.60, sales tax not applicable.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**EXPENDITURES:**

| FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME *        | COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER) | COST ELEMENT | TOTAL AMOUNT        |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Transportation Capital Fund 1060 | PWK-01012                  | 5600000      | \$267,153.60        |
|                                  |                            |              |                     |
|                                  |                            |              |                     |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                     |                            |              | <b>\$267,153.60</b> |

\* General Fund: Include Department

**REVENUES:**

| FUNDING SOURCE    | COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER) | COST ELEMENT | TOTAL AMOUNT        |
|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| General Fund 0010 | PWK-01012                  | 6311010      | \$267,153.60        |
|                   |                            |              |                     |
|                   |                            |              |                     |
| <b>TOTAL</b>      |                            |              | <b>\$267,153.60</b> |



**POTENTIAL POSITION IMPACT:**

| POSITION TITLE | PERMANENT/<br>PROJECT<br>TEMPORARY<br>POSITION | FTE IMPACT | POSITION END DATE |
|----------------|--|------------|-------------------|
| N/A            |  |            |                   |
|                |  |            |                   |
|                |  |            |                   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   |  |            |                   |

*This section should only be completed if a subsequent request will be made to increase or decrease the current position count.*

**FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET:** \$267,153.60

**ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED?** Yes

**IF EXPENSE IS NOT BUDGETED, PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THEY ARE TO BE COVERED.**

N/A.

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