

**BOARD OF UTILITIES COMMISSIONERS**

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**Recommendation**

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Adopt Specification WD-10-24 for the Equipping of Water Wells Alamitos 9A and Alamitos 14 (O-0749), award a contract to Houalla Enterprises Ltd., dba Metro Builders & Engineers Group, Ltd., and authorize the General Manager to enter into a construction contract, and any necessary amendments, with Houalla Enterprises Ltd., dba Metro Builders & Engineers Group, Ltd., in an amount not to exceed \$6,851,086.

**Executive Summary**

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On August 12, 2024 and August 19, 2024, staff published the Notice Inviting Bids for the Equipping of Water Wells Alamitos 9A and Alamitos 14 Project (O-0749) as required by Public Contract Code Section 22037. This project is for the equipping of the two new wells recently drilled within Stearns Champions Park and the last of two phases of construction of the wells. The work includes installation of new pumps, motors, and columns for both wells; installation of associated electrical and instrumentation equipment; installation of above and below ground piping to connect to the existing collection main system; and performing all related site improvements.

On August 29, 2024, three bids were received and opened, and the bid tabulation is attached. After evaluating all bids received, the lowest responsive bid submitted by Houalla Enterprises Ltd., dba Metro Builders & Engineers Group, Ltd., in the amount of \$6,851,086, was found to be in conformance with the bid documents.

The Engineer's Estimate is \$7,095,300.

**Fiscal Impact**

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The cost to the Water Fund will be incurred in FY 25 and FY 26, with the total amount not to exceed the contract total of \$6,851,086. These costs are included in the Water Fund FY 25 CIP Budget and financial projections.

B. Anatole Falagan  
Assistant General Manager

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General Manager

Attachment

# Equipping of Water Wells Alamitos 9A and Alamitos 14

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Rank	Vendor	Identification/ Certification	Total Bid
1	Metro Builders & Engineers Group, Ltd.	Disclosed: none	\$6,851,086
2	Arnaz Engineering Contractors, Inc.	Disclosed: none	\$6,866,220
3	Green Building Corporation	Disclosed: OSB	\$8,087,816
		Average Bid	\$7,268,374
		Engineer's Estimate	\$7,095,300

DBE: Disadvantaged Business Enterprise	SBE: Small Business Enterprise
MBE: Minority Business Enterprise	VSBE: Veteran-owned Small Business Enterprise
MIC: Microbusiness	WBE: Women-owned Business Enterprise
OSB: California Office of Small Business	

The Notice Inviting Bids (NIB) document was made available from the Purchasing Division website at Long Beach Buys (<https://longbeachbuys.buyspeed.com/bsol/>).

- 367 potential firms were notified of this opportunity.
- 12 prospective bidders downloaded the Bid document.

Pre-Bid Meeting was held on August 20, 2024.

- 6 prospective bidders attended the meeting.
- 3 bids were received on August 29, 2024 (see above matrix).

An announcement was also included in the City's Purchasing Division's weekly update of Open RFP/Bid Opportunities, which is sent to 38 local, minority-owned, and women-owned business groups.