

The County of Yuba

Community Development and Services Agency



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Community Development and Services Agency, Ian Scott

SUBJECT: Community Development and Services: Award contract to apparent lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder, HELIX Environmental Planning, Inc. for the Broadband Master Environmental Impact Report, and authorize Chair to execute upon review and approval of County Counsel and Risk Management

DATE: July 23, 2024

NUMBER: 428/2024

Recommendation

Community Development and Services: Board of Supervisors Award contract to apparent lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder, HELIX Environmental Planning, Inc. for the Broadband Master Environmental Impact Report, and authorize Chair to execute upon review and approval of County Counsel and Risk Management

Background

Community Development has been working on the broadband issue for the last several fiscal years, which has resulted in long range planning work including the Broadband Master Plan and Broadband Feasibility Study. The Broadband Master Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will build off the success of these documents by ensuring that future broadband deployment work funded by the State of California and federally will comply with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Community Development initiated the request for proposals which was authorized by the Board as Agenda Item 140/2024 on March 26, 2024. The request for proposals was opened on March 29, 2024. The bids were initially due on April 22, 2024. Due to the technical nature of the questions received, staff extended the bid date to May 3, 2024 to accommodate bidder and staff needs. Two bids were received, and the apparent low bid was \$217,250.00 by HELIX Environmental Planning, Inc.

Discussion

Bids were opened by staff on May 21, 2024. Two bids were received as shown:

HELIX Environmental Planning, Inc.	\$217,250.00
Ascent Environmental, Inc.	\$302,135.00

HELIX Environmental Planning, Inc. is the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder.

Fiscal Impact

General Fund:	None
Non-General Fund:	\$217,250.00
Fund Source:	Community Impact Grant and Loan Program, Yuba Water Agency

Attachments

Signed Broadband EIR Agreement