



City Council Report

Date: December 1, 2014
To: City Council
Through: Kari Kent, Deputy City Manager
From: Beth Huning, City Engineer
Rob Kidder, Assistant City Engineer
Subject: Mesa Counts on College Access Center Rehabilitation
City Project CP0346
District 4

Strategic Initiatives



Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to provide information to the Council on the bids received for the Mesa Counts on College Access Center Rehabilitation project. See attached Exhibit "A" for location. It is recommended that Council award this project to the lowest responsible bidder, Blackhawk Construction LLC, for a total award amount of \$613,442.50.

Background

Participation in the Gates Foundation Communities Learning in Partnership (CLIP) grant has yielded data to support the need to further maximize opportunities for college access and completion. Evidence supports a high graduation rate among Mesa Public Schools, but a disproportionate college attendance and completion rate.

Based on Mesa Counts on College's assessments and research within the past three years, it appears that students within Mesa Public Schools (specifically grades 7-12) are increasingly exposed to a variety of college access and planning opportunities, but are unfamiliar with pre-college processes or systems and often lack the skills and resources necessary to navigate through the college planning and enrollment processes.

This project will renovate approximately 5,000 square feet of leased space on the second floor of the A New Leaf/MesaCAN facility located at 635 E. Broadway Road to create and establish an educational access center that will provide supportive programs and services focused on college access and completion.

Discussion

Renovations will include new cabinetry; electrical/lighting systems; flooring; paint; upgrades to the existing heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning systems; upgrades to the Information Technology system; remodel of the kitchenette and bathrooms; and installation of a technology lab, classroom and office spaces.

Alternatives

Council may choose not to award this contract. This is not recommended since the upgrades are needed to provide the most modern and up to date supportive programs and services for Mesa residents and students seeking entrance into post-secondary education.

Fiscal Impact

The total award for this project is \$613,442.50 comprised of the low bid of \$557,675.00 plus \$55,767.50 (10% change order allowance). This project is funded by Community Development Block Grant funds.

Coordinated With

The project has been coordinated with Housing and Community Development, A New Leaf Organization, and Mesa Counts on College.

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MESA COUNTS ON COLLEGE
ACCESS CENTER REHABILITATION

PROJECT NO. CP0346

Tabulation of Bids Received, Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at 1:00 P.M.

ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE	\$584,676.00
1. Blackhawk Construction, LLC.	\$557,675.00
2. Builders Guild Inc.	\$647,500.00
3. Danson Construction, LLC.	\$662,500.00