



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2023-0509

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Ken Elwert, CPRE, Director Parks and Natural Resources
DATE: November 13, 2023
SUBJECT: Innovation Hills Trail Pedestrian Bridge

REQUEST:

City Council is requested to authorize a contract/blanket purchase order for the construction and installation of the Innovation Hills Trail Pedestrian Bridge in the amount of \$2,844,050.00 with a 5% project contingency in the amount of \$142,202.50 for a total not-to-exceed project amount of \$2,986,252.50 to Z Contractors, Shelby Township, Michigan and further authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement on behalf of the City.

REASON FOR PURCHASE:

The City's Purchasing Division issued a Request for Proposals for the construction, fabrication and installation of the Innovation Hills Trail Pedestrian Bridge utilizing the MITN system. The City had several interested vendors attend the mandatory on-site visit, and received one (1) proposal response.

The one (1) proposal response received was from Z Contractors. Z Contractors is qualified to perform the requested work and meets all the Michigan Department of Transportation prequalification's requirements that were associated with the City's RFP related to bridge work classifications. The City's Purchasing division conducted market research to ensure pricing was fair and reasonable and has determined that based on recent inflationary conditions, along with a market full of bridge construction that pricing was fair and reasonable for the work being requested by the City.

The evaluation committee reviewed the proposed work plan, and conducted a pre-award meeting with Z Contractors. Z Contractors has a good understanding of the project, which is why the City is recommending only a 5% contingency for this project as the City has fully vetted each aspect of this project and feel that many uncertainties have been addressed. Z Contractors has been extremely responsive to all City inquiries and have expressed excitement in making this project a reality. With all these factors considered, along with their references, project approach, and overall understanding of the project, the City is recommended award of this project to Z Contractors as the best value/partner to the City to complete the project.

Construction on this project will be limited to access from the south side of the Clinton River, minimizing disturbance to green space on the north side of the river. The project will be well signed notifying people they are going into a green space that contains only rustic trails. The bridge will open up approximately 1 mile of rustic trails in the 48 acres of green space.

In addition, we previously received a \$500,000 grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to support development of this project.

PROCESS:

Vendor Name and Address:

Z Contractors
50500 Design Lane
Shelby Township, MI 48315

Reason for Selection:

Best Value

Method of Purchase:

Contract/Blanket Purchase Order

BUDGET:

Funding is included in the FY 2023 Adopted Budget.

Fund Name	Department Account No	Account No. Description	Budget Amount	Cost	Remaining Budget
Facilities Fund	631.974000	Land Improvement	\$3,000,000.00	\$2,986,252.50	\$13,747.50

RECOMMENDATION:

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APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Budget Content: Chief Financial Officer		
Purchasing Process: Procurement Manager		
Mayor		
City Clerk		

Contract Reviewed by City Attorney Yes N/A