Marin Community College District
Kentfield, CA  94904

Board Agenda Item

To:  Board of Trustees
From: Superintendent/President
Subject: Building Signage Fine Arts/Science Math Central Plant Complex/Performing Arts Project (306C-305A-306A) Award Construction Contract

Reason for Board Consideration: Enclosure(s):

Action – Award: None

Background:
Interior and exterior signage is required for the Fine Arts, Science/Math/Central Plant and Performing Arts projects. A single bid package was created for the three projects in order to gain cost efficiency and to ensure consistent quality. The signage bid is based on approved signage standards created for the District and approved by the Board. Signage is size and color coordinated and meets all required standards of the ADA.

On May 12, 2010 six (6) bids were received. The apparent low bidder is determined by base bid price only. The base bid results are as follows:

Western Sign Co., Inc. $144,962
Thomas Swan $156,020
Architectural Graphics, Inc. (AGI) $173,545
Sacramento Sign Source $173,892
YESCO (Young Electric Sign Co.) $174,987
Martinelli Environmental Graphics $181,954

The apparent low bid is 31% below the engineer’s estimate for the project. The spread of bids is 18% from low to high.

The District recommends the Board of Trustees award the Building Signage FA/SMCP/PA Project construction contract to Western Sign Co., Inc. which will also include Alternate 1 (an additional $3,993), following the completion of the five (5) day bid protest period ending on May 19, 2010. The contract is in the amount of $148,955.

Fiscal Impact:
This project will be paid from bond funds. The engineer’s estimate for this project is $210,000.

Recommendation:
The President/Superintendent District recommends that the Board award a construction contract for the Building Signage FA/SMCP/PA Project (306C-305A-306A) to the low responsive bidder, Western Sign Co., Inc., in the amount of $148,955 following successful completion of the mandatory five (5) day bid protest period.

Administrator Initiating Item
V-Anne Chernock
Director of Modernization

Administrator Approving Item
Albert J. Harrison
Vice President, College Operations