

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: March 14, 2023

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Johnnie Taylor, Assistant City Manager
Shantell McClam, Purchasing Director

Council Action Requested:

Resolution Awarding Construction Contract for Easton Mobile Classroom Relocation and Repurpose (Southeast Ward)

Strategic Focus Area: Livable Neighborhoods

Strategic Objective: Economic Vitality and Diversity

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

The City advertised bids for the relocation and repurpose of an Easton Elementary mobile trailer/classroom, a 2018 G.O. Bond project. The scope of work on this project involves relocating the unit and refurbishing the space to be utilized as a Community Center. There will be minimal site/civil work involved in preparing the new pad location. The project will require installation of stairs/ramps and sidewalks; hauling the trailer across the site to the new location; some structural foundation work; limited plumbing and electrical work to reconnect to utilities at the new location; and some interior walls and finishing work.

Bids were received August 2, 2022. An item was brought to Council for award in September 2022. Following approval, it was determined the awarded vendor did not possess the proper credentials to fulfill the project requirements and therefore the project would need to be rebid.

With the large disparity in the bids received, a new cost estimate was requested from the project architect for the rebid. The new estimate reflected a cost above \$100,000, which required M/WBE goals to be established. Internal M/WBE Committee and Citizen's Advisory Committee met and established goals of 10% (MBE) minority-owned business enterprise and 9% (WBE) woman-owned business enterprise for the project.

Bids for the project were scheduled to be received on February 15, 2023, but fewer than three bids were offered as required by North Carolina General Statute (N.C.G.S.) 143-132(a). Therefore, in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-129, the project was re-advertised.

Committee Finance 3/14

Action

Approval

For Unanimous

Against

Remarks:

Bids were received on February 23, 2023, with a summary of bids as follows:

	<u>City/State</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>
Dreambuilt Construction, Inc.	Advance, NC	\$220,700.00
Nuprana, LLC	Charlotte, NC	239,657.97
Still Life Company, LLC	Lewisville, NC	398,000.00
Cinderella Partners, Inc.	Indian Trail, NC	400,974.00

The low bidder, Dreambuilt Construction, Inc., submitted subcontracting goals other than those established for this project. The M/WBE Citizen Advisory Committee met, reviewed and approved Dreambuilt's commitment of 8.6% with minority-owned businesses and 22.4% with woman-owned businesses. It is recommended that a contract be awarded to Dreambuilt Construction, Inc., the low bidder meeting specifications, in the not-to-exceed total amount of \$220,700. The architect's estimate for this project was \$543,516.

Funds have been previously appropriated and made available in the 2018 G.O. Bond to cover the cost of this contract.

M/WBE comment: This project was advertised on the City and State websites and with several electronic plan rooms. Notifications were sent to all local M/WBE and regional HUB businesses on a bi-weekly basis. See Exhibit A for a complete list of businesses that were notified about the bidding opportunity and the low bidder's Workplace Demographics form.