

COUNCIL AGENDA: OCTOBER 1, 2013

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT – MATERIALS TESTING SERVICES FOR THE JAYE STREET AND MONTGOMERY AVENUE ROUNDABOUT PROJECT

SOURCE: Public Works Department - Engineering Division

COMMENT: Request for Proposals were issued on August 5, 2013, to a number of area testing laboratories, including all eligible local firms, to provide materials testing services for the Jaye Street and Montgomery Avenue Roundabout Project. Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds will finance 88.53% of the project's eligible components and Measure R Funds/Local Transportation Funds will finance the 11.47% "local" match. Materials testing services is a reimbursable component of construction management.

Federal requirements stipulate that the laboratory and all technicians be Caltrans certified and that all testing be performed in strict conformance with the City's approved Quality Assurance Plan and the Caltrans Local Assistance Procedures Manual.

Due to the federal funding associated with this project and forthcoming federal scrutiny, staff feels it is necessary to hire a Caltrans certified construction materials testing firm to properly obtain samples, certify that all materials meet the requirements of the specifications, and provide reporting in compliance with pertinent federal guidelines.

On September 5, 2013, staff received proposals from BSK Associates Engineering & Laboratories, Technicon Engineering Services, Moore Twining Associates, and Nolte Vertical 5. After staff's review and rating of the four firms utilizing the City's Consultant Selection Rating Form, Technicon Engineering Services was selected as the top rated consultant.

Staff feels that Technicon is qualified to provide all required services included in the request for proposals. To expedite the process, staff is requesting Council authorization to negotiate a professional services contract with Technicon at an anticipated fee not to exceed \$40,000.

Staff is pleased with the consultants' interest in this project and recommends negotiating a contract with the top-ranked firm.

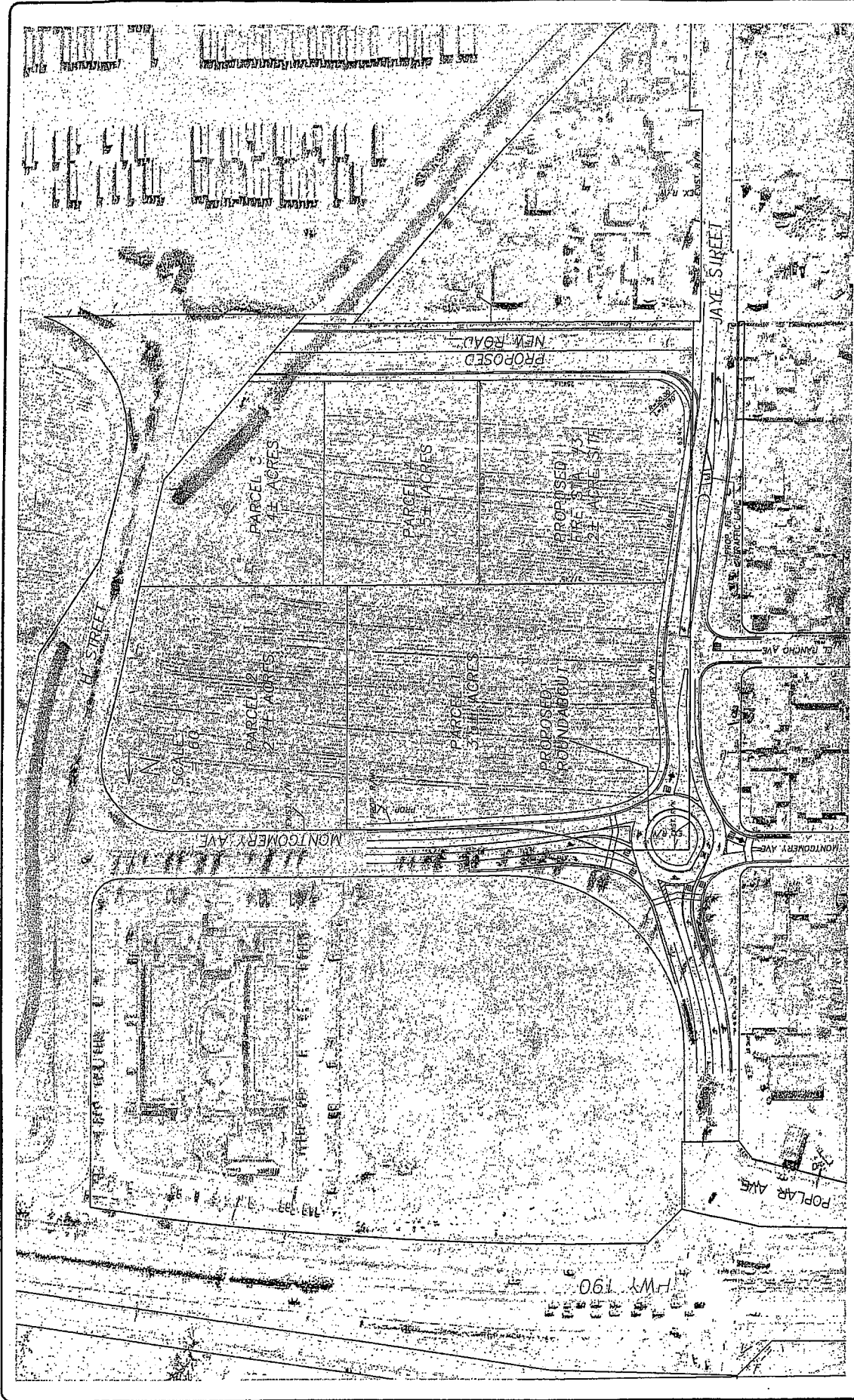
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RECOMMENDATION: That City Council:

1. Authorize staff to negotiate a contract with Technicon Engineering Services at an anticipated fee not to exceed \$40,000 for materials testing services for the Jaye Street and Montgomery Avenue Roundabout Project;
2. Authorize staff to negotiate a contract with the 2nd ranked firm, Nolte Vertical 5, if staff is unable to negotiate an acceptable contract with Technicon Engineering Services;
3. Authorize the Mayor to sign all contract documents;
4. Authorize progress payments that concur with construction progress up until proper closeout of the work and not to exceed 100% of the contract fee; and
5. Authorize a 10% contingency to cover unforeseen changes to the scope of work required.

ATTACHMENT: Locator Map



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AERIAL VIEW OF PROPOSED
JAYE ST. & MONTGOMERY AVE.
ROUNDABOUT PROJECT

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PROJECT ENGINEER _____

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