

# County of Santa Cruz

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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**AGENDA: JUNE 5, 2001**

May 23, 2001

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
701 Ocean Street  
Santa Cruz, California 95060

SUBJECT: VALENCIA ROAD BRIDGE NO. 36C-0 116  
SEISMIC RETROFIT PROJECT, NO. BRLSZB-5936 (053)

Members of the Board:

The plans, specifications, and engineer's estimate for the subject project are now complete and presented here for your consideration and approval. The work provides for seismic retrofit of the Valencia Road Bridge at Valencia Creek, Bridge No. 36C-0116.

The scope of work approved by the California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) for seismic retrofit upgrades allows for the strengthening of existing structures so as to prevent their collapse in the event of a large earthquake. As a result, the complex engineering work involved in modification of these bridges within the parameters of the state's program required the services of a structural engineering consulting firm for the preparation of the plans and specifications for the County.


The engineer's estimate for the retrofit of the subject bridge is \$445,000.00, not including contingencies or administration costs. Sufficient funding for the project is available in the 2000/2001 Road Budget through the Federal Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program and CALTRANS. This work, as with all those bridges retrofitted under this state and federal seismic retrofit program, is 100 percent funded, including administration costs.

In order to start construction of this critical project as soon as possible and to provide for the largest potential number of bidders, it will be necessary to open bids prior to the first available Board meeting in August. Public Works is therefore requesting that the Board allow the opening of sealed bids for the subject project in the office of the Director of Public Works on July 10, 2001. The resultant low bid would then be returned for the Board's acceptance on August 7, 2001. It would be Public Works' intention to request authorization to award the project to the low bidder on that same Board date.

It is therefore recommended that the Board of Supervisors take the following action:

1. Approve the plans, specifications, and engineer's estimate and authorize calling for bids.
2. Set the bid opening for 10:45 A.M. on July 10, 2001.
3. Adopt the attached resolution allowing the bid opening for the subject project to take place in the office of the Director of Public Works at 10:45 a.m. on July 10, 2001, with acceptance and award by the Board on August 7, 2001.
4. Direct the Clerk of the Board to advertise a Notice to Contractors for a twenty-one day period beginning June 10, 2001 in accordance with the provisions of Public Contract Code Section 20392.


Yours truly,

  
THOMAS L. BOLICH  
Director of Public Works

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Attachments

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:

  
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County Administrative Officer

copy to:     Donn Miyahara, CALTRANS  
                  Public Works

VALENCIA

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

On the motion of Supervisor  
duly seconded by Supervisor  
the following resolution is adopted:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PUBLIC WORKS TO OPEN, EXAMINE AND DECLARE  
SEALED PROPOSALS FOR THE VALENCIA ROAD BRIDGE SEISMIC RETROFIT  
PROJECT OUTSIDE THE PRESENCE OF THE  
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works requires the expeditious handling of bid documents for the Valencia Road Bridge Seismic Retrofit project to allow contractors to bond and bid on the July 10, 2001.

WHEREAS, said opening of sealed bids will be conducted in the office of the Director of Public Works at 10:45 A.M. on July 10, 2001.

WHEREAS, the results of said sealed bids and bid awards for authorization to construct the corresponding project by a low bidder will be presented to the Board of Supervisors at the next regularly scheduled meeting **after** opening of the bids.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Director of Public Works is hereby authorized to open sealed bids for the Valencia Road Bridge Seismic Retrofit Project in the office of the Director of Public Works at 10:45 A.M. on July 10, 2001, for ratification by the Board of Supervisors on the August 7, 2001.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2001, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS

NOES: SUPERVISORS

ABSENT: SUPERVISORS

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Chairman of said Board

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of said Board

Approved as to form:

  
Chief Assistant County Counsel

Distribution: Auditor-Controller  
County Counsel  
Public Works

**COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

Sealed proposals shall be delivered to the Director of Public Works of Santa Cruz County, Room 410, Governmental Center, no later than 10:30 a.m., July 10, 2001, and at 10:45 a.m. or soon after, they will be publicly opened and read, in the office of the Director of Public Works, Room 410, 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, California, for construction on County road in accordance with the specifications therefor, to which special reference is made, as follows:

**VALENCIA ROAD BRIDGE No. 36C-0116  
SEISMIC RETROFIT  
Project No. BRLSZD-5936(053)**

The bridge work to be done consists, in general, of constructing seismic retrofitting improvements on the above structure, as shown on the plans. Such other items or details, not mentioned above, which are required by the plans, Standard Specifications, or these special provisions shall be performed, placed, constructed or installed.

This project has a goal of 12 percent disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) participation. Plans, specifications, and proposal forms for bidding this project can only be obtained at the office of the Director of Public Works, Room 410, 701 Ocean Street. No deposit is required. The successful bidder shall furnish a payment bond and a performance bond. The Contractor shall possess a Class 'A license at the time this contract is awarded. The County of Santa Cruz reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Each bid shall be presented under sealed cover and accompanied by one of the following forms of bidder's security: A cashier's check, a certified check, or a bidder's bond executed by an admitted surety insurer, **made** payable to the County of Santa Cruz.

This project is subject to the "Buy America" Provisions of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982 as amended by the Intermodal Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991.

This contract is subject to state contract nondiscrimination and compliance requirements pursuant to Government Code, Section 12990. The County of Santa Cruz hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color or national origin in consideration for an award.

Pursuant to Section 1773 of the Labor Code, the general prevailing wage rates in the county, or counties, in which the work is to be done have been determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations. These wages are set forth in the General Prevailing Wage Rates for this project, available at County of Santa Cruz, 701 Ocean St, Room 410, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 and available from the California Department of Industrial Relations Internet web site at <http://www.dir.ca.gov>. The Federal minimum wage rates for this project are predetermined by the United States Secretary of Labor. Addenda to modify the Federal minimum wage rates, if necessary, will be issued to holders of the specifications. Future effective general prevailing wage rates which have been predetermined and are on file with the California Department of Industrial Relations are referenced but not printed in the general prevailing wage rates.

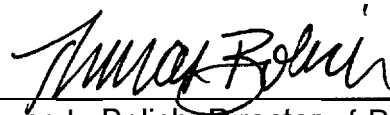
Attention is directed to the Federal minimum wage rate requirements in the specifications, If there is a difference between the minimum wage rates predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and the general prevailing wage rates determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations for similar classifications of labor, the Contractor and subcontractors shall pay not less than the higher wage rate. The Department will not accept lower State wage rates not specifically included in the Federal minimum wage determinations. This includes "helper" (or other classifications based on hours of experience) or any other classification not appearing in the Federal wage determinations. Where Federal wage determinations do not contain the State wage rate determination otherwise available for use by the Contractor and subcontractors, the Contractor and subcontractors shall pay not less than the Federal minimum wage rate which most closely approximates the duties of the employees in question.

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) provides a toll-free "hotline" service to report bid rigging activities Bid rigging activities can be reported Mondays through Fridays, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., eastern time, telephone no. 1-800-424-9071. Anyone with knowledge of possible bid rigging, bidder collusion, or other fraudulent activities should use the "hotline" to report these activities. The "hotline" is part of the DOT's continuing effort to identify and investigate highway construction contract fraud and abuse and is operated under the direction of the DOT Inspector General. All information will be treated confidentially and caller anonymity will be respected.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

5/24/01



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Thomas L. Bolich, Director of Public Works