

# CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

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MEETING DATE: April 10, 2025

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SUBJECT: REJECT ALL PROPOSALS SUBMITTED FOR PUBLIC ART AND EL PASEO SCULPTURE MAINTENANCE SERVICES AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AN INTERIM SCULPTURE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Reject all proposals submitted for Public Art and El Paseo Sculpture Maintenance Services.
2. Authorize staff to solicit new proposals for these services.
3. Authorize staff to negotiate and the City Manager to execute a six-month contract with Rice Construction from July 1, 2025, through November 30, 2025, to ensure continuity of service during the re-bidding process.

## **BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:**

The City of Palm Desert currently contracts with Same Day Express, a sole proprietor, for the maintenance of the City's Public Art Collection and El Paseo Sculpture Exhibition at an annual cost of \$55,200. The agreement expires on June 30, 2025.

On January 30, 2025, the City issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Public Art and El Paseo Sculpture Maintenance Services through its online bid management provider, OpenGov. The deadline for submissions was February 27, 2025, and four proposals were received:

PROPOSER	ANNUAL COST
Crozier Fine Arts	\$1,339,063.44
A+ Window & Gutter Cleaning, LLC	\$450,000.00
Signature Sculpture dba Same Day Express	\$66,240.00
Rice Construction	Incomplete Proposal

Following a comprehensive review of the proposals, staff identified the following concerns:

- Two proposals substantially exceeded the City's current contract amount, making them financially unfeasible.
- The proposal from the current provider, Same Day Express, raised concerns due to emerging and ongoing performance issues under the current contract.
- Rice Construction submitted an incomplete proposal but has previously demonstrated its ability to perform the required scope of work.

Given these findings, staff recommends rejecting all proposals and re-opening the bidding process to secure a qualified contractor. To maintain continuity of service, staff requests

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authorization to negotiate a six-month contract with Rice Construction from July 1, 2025, through November 30, 2025, while a new competitive bidding process is conducted for a three-year contract.

**Legal Review:**

This report has been reviewed by the City Attorney's office.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The budget for these services will be included in the FY 2025-26 Annual Budget request. There is no additional fiscal impact on the General Fund with this action.