

CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: July 10, 2025

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SUBJECT: REJECT ALL BIDS FOR CAHUILLA HILLS PARK AND TRAILHEAD ADA IMPROVEMENTS AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO READVERTISE FOR BID, PROJECT NO. MPK00005

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Reject all bids submitted for the Cahuilla Hills Park and Trailhead ADA Improvements.
2. Authorize staff to re-bid the project with revisions to contractor license requirements.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

On May 1, 2025, the City issued an invitation for bids through OpenGov for construction improvements at the Cahuilla Hills Park. The project involves renovations of the existing park by constructing an ADA-compliant parking area, sidewalk, and trailhead path to improve accessibility and enhance visitor experience.

Request for Bids:

The project was advertised via the City's bid portal, OpenGov, (Project ID# 2024-IFB-150), and nine bids were received on June 18, 2025:

Contractor	Location	Base Bid	License Classification
Urban Habitat	Palm Desert, CA	\$1,120,589.25	A, C27
Jacobsson Engineering Construction, Inc.	Palm Desert, CA	\$1,374,143.00	A, B
Van Engineering, Inc.	Wildomar, CA	\$1,386,610.00	A
DEARK E&C, Inc.	Fullerton, CA	\$1,456,587.50	A, B
Three Peaks Corp	Calimesa, CA	\$1,473,636.00	A, B, C10
PUB Construction, Inc.	Diamond Bar, CA	\$1,648,608.38	A, B, C33
R2B Engineering	Laguna Hills, CA	\$1,658,505.90	A, B
M. Brey Inc. dba MBE Construction	Beaumont, CA	\$2,000,215.79	A, B, C10
C.S. Legacy Construction, Inc.	Walnut, CA	\$2,662,001.72	A, B, C27

The bid package specified a required license classification of 'B' (General Building Contractor) as issued by the Contractors State License Board. The apparent low bidder did not possess this license classification and was therefore deemed non-responsive. Based on the recent bid results and feedback from contractors who declined to bid due to the license requirement, staff recommends rejecting all bids and modifying the license requirement to include the 'A' (General Engineering Contractor) classification. This classification is sufficient for the scope of work and is expected to broaden the pool of eligible bidders and potentially reduce construction costs.

If approved, staff will re-bid with this modification.

Legal Review:

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Rejecting all bids and rebidding is expected to result in reduced costs for the City of more than \$250,000. Funds for this project are budgeted in the Capital Improvement Fund (Fund 400) and Community Development Block Grant (Fund 220). There is no impact on the General Fund.