



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: PUBLIC WORKS

File #: 23-397

Board Meeting Date: 5/23/2023

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Ann M. Stillman, Director of Public Works
Subject: Maple Street Correctional Center Solar Photovoltaic System Project
(Project No. PB010)

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution rejecting all bids received for the Maple Street Correctional Center Solar Photovoltaic System Project.

BACKGROUND:

The Maple Street Correctional Center is an efficient Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Gold rated building. The building is a 24-hour correctional facility and incurs high utility costs including electricity and natural gas. A solar system was originally requested by the Sheriff's Office in 2018. Generating renewable energy onsite will help reduce the facility's impact on the electric grid and put this facility on the path to net zero energy while affirming the County's commitment to sustainable operations.

The Department of Public Works (Department) retained the professional architectural services of Bartos Architects to design and prepare construction documents for the Maple Street Correctional Center Photovoltaic System Project (Project) bidding and construction. The construction documents were reviewed by the Planning and Building Department and the necessary permits were approved and issued. The Project is designed to generate up to 9 percent of the facility's electricity need, thereby reducing utility costs. The Engineer's Estimate for the construction of the Project was \$1,200,000.

DISCUSSION:

The Department issued this Project for bid on January 9, 2023 and on Monday, February 27, 2023, one sealed bid was submitted to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in the County Executive's Office and opened in public by the Clerk of the Board.

The bid of:

**Coulter Construction
1961 Old Middlefield Way**

Mountain View, CA 94043

at \$2,027,945 was the lowest and only responsible bid received. The bid submitted by Coulter Construction was considerably higher than the Engineer's Estimate.

The Department is recommending the bid from Coulter Construction be rejected and the Project be re-advertised for bids.

The County Attorney's Office has reviewed and approved the resolution as to form.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no additional impact to the General Fund.