TOWN COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

Title: Award the contract for the Mammoth Yosemite Airport General Aviation and Terminal Parking Lot Reconstruction Project.

Meeting Date: July 17, 2024

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Town Council:

- Approve the plans and specifications.
- Award the contract to the lowest responsive bidder, Meyers Earthwork, Inc. in the amount of $1,703,490.00.
- Waive any minor irregularities.
- Authorize the Town Manager to execute the construction contract.
- Authorize the Deputy Airport Manager to accept the project upon completion.
- Authorize the Deputy Airport Manager to review and approve minor revisions to complete the project, up to an additional 10% of the award amount.

BACKGROUND:

Mammoth Yosemite Airport has one main parking lot that serves general aviation through the Fixed Based Operator (FBO) building and scheduled charter flights and car rentals at the terminal building. These pavements have not been reconstructed in over 20 years. The parking lot size was increased approximately 10 years ago; however, the construction was completed using grindings off another road project in Town and therefore had a much shorter lifespan than a newly construction asphalt surface. The existing asphalt surfaces in the parking lot are highly degraded and are raveling due to weather and thermal stresses.

The reconstruction of the general aviation and terminal auto parking lot pavement will provide safe and functional areas for automobile operations at the Airport, which will have a remaining life of 20 plus years. In addition to the new pavement section, the project also includes new solar lighting and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) parking and connectivity improvements.

ANALYSIS:

The Town advertised for the Mammoth Yosemite Airport General Aviation and Terminal Parking Lot Reconstruction project from February 23 to March 20, 2024. Bids were opened on March 20, 2024, at 3:00 PM. The bids received were as follows:

Granite Construction	$3,039,540
JPB Designs Inc.	$2,860,060
Meyers Earthwork, Inc.	$1,703,490
Qualcon Contractors Inc.	$2,090,340

A bid review was completed, and one minor irregularity was found. The low bidder, Meyers Earthwork, Inc., listed subcontractors in the bid documents including Disadvantaged Veteran Business Enterprises (DVBE) to meet the project's Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) goal of 12.63%; however, DVBEs are not interchangeable with DBEs and therefore does not meet the goal. The bid requirements are that a contractor either meet the DBE goal or conduct and provide proof of a Good Faith Effort. Given that it is not a requirement to meet the goal and they did send us their GFE documentation, the Contractor, Meyers Earthwork, Inc. is still able to be considered a responsive bidder.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) moneys will fund 90.66% of the project costs. The federal share of 90.66% is funded by the Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG), under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) grant program. The sponsor, Town of Mammoth Lakes, is responsible to pay the remaining 9.34% which will come from the Airport's capital improvement program funds. The Total project costs are as follows:

Construction – Base Bid	$1,703,490
Administration	$10,000
Engineering During Construction/Closeout	$66,000
Construction Management	$165,000
Total Project Costs	$1,944,490

The requested grant amount is $1,762,875 and the breakdown of the project funds are:

Federal AIG Funds	$1,762,875
Sponsor Match	$181,615
Total Project Funds Available	$1,944,490

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

On February 27, 2023, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reviewed and approved the Categorical Exclusion, for the project, pursuant to FAA Order 1050.1F as it relates to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). This project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Policy Act (CEQA) under California Code of Regulations Title 14 Section §15301(c), repair and minor alterations of an existing facility.