

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

February 1, 2011

TO: City Council

FROM: City Manager

Prepared by: Director of Public Works/City Engineer  

**SUBJECT: NORTHEAST FIRE STATION #5
BID NO. 2011/06
CALL FOR BIDS**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council give approval to call for bids on the plans and specifications for Bid No. 2011/06, the Northeast Fire Station #5.

BACKGROUND:

The northern area of the City is presently served by Fire Station #3 which is located at the southwest corner of College Drive and Donovan Road. With the proposed relocation of Fire Station #3 to the Preisker Park area, a new fire station is proposed at the intersection of Donovan Road and Suey Crossing Road. This new station, Fire Station #5, will serve the northeast area of the City.

The City of Santa Maria updated its Standards of Cover Study in March 2000. This study indentified the importance of rapid response to the preservation of life and property within the City. The goal of a five-minute total response time would place first-due fire apparatus on-scene prior to or at flashover during fire incidents, and before brain death is irreversible in Emergency Medical Services (EMS) incidents. The previous Fire Station #3 was found to be insufficient in meeting the standard. The establishment of both Fire Stations 3 & 5 will provide an improvement in response times.

Implementation of Fire Stations 3 & 5 in the northern portion of Santa Maria will provide the following:

- Response times within five minutes will improve to over 90%.
- Population served within a five-minute response time will improve to 94%.
- Geographic coverage based on five-minute response times will improve to approximately 78%.

In 2009, the City of Santa Maria was awarded \$4,368,907 of grant funds from the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the construction of two new fire stations. Included in this funding is a grant secured from

the Assistance to Firefighters Fire Station Construction Grant Program which is authorized by the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) of 2009.

On May 20, 2008, the City Council approved a General Plan Amendment and Zone change for property that was purchased by the City in 2004. The subject parcel was purchased to be home to the future Northeast Fire Station #5. The location of the new station will meet the geographic distribution, as well as population and response time standards.

DISCUSSION:

This project consists of the construction of a 6,579 SF Fire Station located at 1670 E. Donovan Road. The project will include 3,079 SF of living space and 3,500 SF of apparatus space, including a work and storage area, and all the work necessary to render the facility complete and operational.

The project is scheduled as follows:

Council Approval and Call for Bids:	02/01/11
Bid Opening: 2:00 p.m., Tuesday	03/08/11
Council Award of Contract:	04/04/11
Construction Period Allowance:	365 CALENDAR DAYS

Pursuant to the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), it has been determined that a Finding of No Significant Impacts (FONSI) is the appropriate environmental document for this project, and pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), it has been determined that this project is Categorically Exempt.

Plans and Specifications for this project are available for viewing in the office of the Chief Deputy City Clerk.

Alternatives

The alternative to the recommended action would be not to call for bids for this project. The result of this action would be to cancel the project and lose the grant funding.

Fiscal Considerations

Funds for this budgeted project are provided from Account Nos. 027-009-020-52-04 (Growth Mitigation-NE Fire Station), 801-009-020-52-27 (Capital Projects-Fire Station #5 Construction), and 047-009-020-52-01 (Grant ARRA-Fire Stations). The funding sources are from Growth Mitigation, Capital Projects, and ARRA-Fire Stations.

Impact to the Community

The City Council has acted to improve emergency response conditions in the City, as identified in the Standards of Cover Study with several capital improvements: facility modernization and construction of the new living space addition at Fire Station #2 in 2000 (146 W. Carmen Drive); construction of the new Fire Station #4 in 2005 (2637 S. College Drive); and the operation of the Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) facility at the Santa Maria Airport. These new facilities enhance public safety services in the City of Santa Maria.

The proposed Northeast Fire Station #5 will allow the Fire Department to reduce response times and better serve the northeast area of the City of Santa Maria. This project will significantly improve the ability of the City of Santa Maria to preserve life and protect property.

As stated in the Fire Department's current budget narrative, the addition of this 5th fire station will require additional staffing and increased annual operational budget impacts of approximately \$1.6 million beginning July 2012. Options will need to be explored for creating new revenues and may include enacting a local sales tax override, a property tax assessment, or utility tax. These would need to be considered for the 2012 June Primary or November General Election.

Other Agency Review

FEMA has reviewed and approved the proposed construction of the Northeast Fire Station #5.



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ATTACHMENT:

- 1. News Release

- xc: Chief Deputy City Clerk
Streets and Facilities Supervisor
Fire Chief
Community Programs Manager



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NEWS RELEASE
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The City Council is being asked to call for bids for the above work at its regular meeting of **02/01/11**. Bids will be opened at 2:00 p.m. on **03/08/11**, and award/advisement/rejection of contract is scheduled for the **04/04/11** Council Meeting. The specifications require that all work be completed within **365 CALENDAR DAYS**.

(The City does not wish to publicize the Engineer's Estimate of the project cost since this information may tend to influence the number and nature of bids received.)

SUPPLEMENTARY PRESS RELEASE

On **XX/XX/XX** bids from **-XX-** contractors were opened by the City Clerk of the City of Santa Maria as follows:

_____	<u>\$XXX,XXX.XX</u>
_____	<u>\$XXX,XXX.XX</u>
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- At its **XX/XX/XX** meeting, the City Council will consider a staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder.
- These bids have been taken under advisement by the City.
- Bid(s) received have been rejected by the City.

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