



NEWPORT BEACH

City Council Staff Report

October 22, 2024
Agenda Item No. 10

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: David A. Webb, Public Works Director - 949-644-3311,
dawebb@newportbeachca.gov

PREPARED BY: Tom Sandefur, Assistant City Engineer - 949-644-3321,
tsandefur@newportbeachca.gov

TITLE: Fire Station No. 8 HVAC Rehabilitation – Reject All Bids for Contract
No. 9373-1 (24F02)

ABSTRACT:

The City of Newport Beach recently solicited three proposers for informal bids for the Fire Station No. 8 Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Rehabilitation project and received one bid. The single bid received is significantly higher than the engineer’s estimate. Staff recommends the City Council reject all bids and re-advertise to provide an opportunity to receive more competitive bids.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a) Find this project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA guidelines, because this action will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly;
- b) Reject all bids received for Contract No. 9373-1; and
- c) Direct staff to re-advertise the Fire Station No. 8 HVAC Rehabilitation project.

DISCUSSION:

As part of the Facilities Maintenance Master Plan (FMMP) program, staff identified Fire Station No. 8, located at 6502 Ridge Park Road, as needing replacement of the existing HVAC equipment. Two condensing units and two forced air furnaces that are original to the building are near the end of their service life after over 30 years of service.

Staff developed contract documents accordingly and advertised the project for informal bids to three contractors that have successfully completed similar projects for the City.

On September 19, 2024, the City Clerk opened and read the following bids for this project:

	<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>TOTAL BID AMOUNT</u>
Low	F.M. Thomas Air Conditioning	\$ 135,382.00

The bid of \$135,382.00 submitted by F.M. Thomas Air Conditioning is approximately 349% higher than the engineer's estimate of \$38,800. The engineer's estimate was provided by an on-call mechanical engineer and was based on recent bids from similar sized projects.

Staff recommends putting the project out to bid on the public bidding platform and allowing all available contractors to bid on the project. It is anticipated that the wider audience of bidders will result in more competitive bids.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact related to this item.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

Environmental review will occur as appropriate and will be presented to the City Council at that time. Staff recommends the City Council find this action is not subject to the Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change to the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because this project has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

NOTICING:

The agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Council considers the item).

ATTACHMENT:

Attachment A – Location Map