

RESOLUTION NO. 25-

RESOLUTION OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF BIDS, RESOLVE ANY AND ALL BID PROTESTS, AND AWARD DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT NUMBER 250001 FOR THE LITTLE RIVER AIRPORT AIRCRAFT PARKING APRON REHABILITATION TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE, RESPONSIBLE BIDDER (LITTLE RIVER AREA)

WHEREAS, Mendocino County Department of Transportation (DOT) would like to to reconstruct the pavement for the aircraft parking apron at Little River Airport; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the Little River Airport (LLR) Aircraft Parking Apron Rehabilitation is estimated to be \$1.95 million, of which \$1,852,500 is anticipated to be paid by the Federal Aviation Administration, \$52,500 is anticipated to be paid by Caltrans' Aviation funds, and approximately \$45,000 is anticipated to be paid out of the County's General Fund; and

WHEREAS, funding to accommodate construction costs is included in Budget Unit 3060 for Fiscal Year 2025/26; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 25-068 (April 8, 2025), the Board of Supervisors authorized the Director of Transportation to advertise and award DOT Contract No. 250001; and

WHEREAS, bids for DOT Contract No. 250001 were opened as scheduled on Thursday, April 17, 2025, at 2:00 PM. CSI Services, of San Pedro, California, was deemed the apparent "low bidder" for this project with a base of \$2,079,560.00; and

WHEREAS, the second lowest bidder, Argonaut Constructors, Inc., of Santa Rosa, California, with a bid of \$2,462,167.00, has protested awarding the contract to CSI Services, based on allegations that:

- a. CSI Services failed to include Evidence of Competency information with their bid package at the time of bid opening;
- b. CSI Services failed to write in a stated commitment for the % of DBE Utilization on page PF-27;
- c. CSI's bid price for Bid Item 21, Asphalt Surface Course appears very low;
- d. Argonaut asserts that CSI is not self-performing the work in violation of contractual self-perform obligations; and

WHEREAS, based on the evidence in the record before it, the Board of Supervisors makes the following findings:

- (1) For airport construction contracts, FAA General Provision 20-02 requires evidence of bid competency to be provided with bid packages. FAA General Provision 20-08 states that a responsive bid must conform to all significant terms and conditions contained in the invitation for bid, and FAA General Provision 20-09 authorizes the County to reject any bid with irregularities that render the bid incomplete and/or that provide incomplete information related to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (**DBE**).
- (2) CSI Services failed to include evidence of competency information with its bid package. This requirement was clearly stated in the bid requirements, and was required to be included pursuant to FAA General Provision 20-02.

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- (3) CSI Services failed to write in a stated commitment for the percentage of DBE Utilization on Page PF-27. This requirement was clearly stated in the bid requirements, and was required to be completed pursuant to FAA General Provision 20-09.

WHEREAS, the Board of finds that CSI Services failure to include the evidence of bid competency with its bid package, and CSI Services failure to provide complete information related to DBE are sufficiently material irregularities within the meaning of FAA General Provision 20-09 to find that that CSI Services is not a responsive bidder; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds that the second lowest bidder, Argonaut Constructors, Inc., of Santa Rosa, California, is the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, with a base bid amount of \$2,462,167.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors hereby:

1. Rejects the bid of CSI Services, of San Pedro, California, in the amount of \$2,079,560.00, for DOT Contract No. 250001, for multiple bid irregularities; and
2. Accept the bid of Argonaut Constructors, Inc., of Santa Rosa, California, in the amount of \$2,462,167.00 as the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the Little River Airport Aircraft Parking Apron Rehabilitation

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3. Authorize and direct the Director of Transportation to award DOT Contract No. 250001, upon confirmation of acceptable contract documents by County Counsel and Risk Management, and upon award of the applicable FAA grant.

The foregoing Resolution introduced by Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, and carried this _____ day of _____, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

WHEREUPON, the Chair declared said Resolution adopted and SO ORDERED.

ATTEST: DARCIE ANTLE
Clerk of the Board

JOHN HASCHAK, Chair
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

Deputy

I hereby certify that according to the provisions of Government Code Section 25103, delivery of this document has been made.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
CHARLOTTE E. SCOTT
County Counsel

BY: DARCIE ANTLE
Clerk of the Board

Deputy