

**MINUTES OF
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY-EAST
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON OCTOBER 19, 2017**

PRESENT: Herbert I. Miller, Chair
G. Paul Kemp, Committee Member
Mark L. Morgan, Committee Member
Clay Cosse', Committee Member

The Operations Committee of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (SLFPA-E or Authority) met on October 19, 2017, in the Franklin Avenue Administrative Complex, Meeting Room 201, 6920 Franklin Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. Miller called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Opening Comments: Mr. Miller thanked Mr. Morgan for Chairing the September 21st Committee meeting in his absence.

Adoption of Agenda: Mr. Miller pointed out that Item VI. C. should be corrected to read the AIMS Group. The agenda was adopted by the Committee with the correction.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the August 17, 2017 and September 21, 2017 Operations Committee meetings were approved.

Public Comments: None.

New Business:

- A. Discussion of proposed amendment of the contract between the Orleans Levee District and Design Engineering, Inc. for the Lakefront Erosion Control Protection Project to increase the not to exceed amount from \$5,759,626.12 to \$5,828,403.62 (an increase of \$68,777.50).**

Stevan Spencer, Chief Engineer, explained that work on three design projects in Phases 2 and 3 of the contract was added and was not part of the original proposal. The design projects were (1) access stairs over the Floodwall in Reach 2D; (2) a Police access road in Reach 2D; and (3) work in the Mardi Gras Fountain area along with additional striping and signage to the roadways north of Leon C. Simon and connecting to Lakeshore Drive. The engineering fees for the three design projects total \$68,777.50. The Engineering staff reviewed the additional work and recommended that the contract be amended to include the additional engineering cost. The cost of the work in the area of the Mardi Gras Fountain was \$117,000 and the construction cost for the Police access road was \$300,000. The access stairs over the Floodwall in Reach 2D (at Bayou St. John) was not constructed because the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) determined that a 408 Permit would be required, which would have been a timely endeavor.

Mr. Morgan asked the total estimated cost of the Lakefront Erosion Control Project. Gerry Gillen, Operations Director, replied that total estimated construction cost is in the range of \$40 million to \$45 million. The contract with Design Engineering, Inc. includes design, construction administration and inspection.

A motion was offered by Mr. Kemp, seconded by Mr. Morgan and unanimously adopted, to recommend that the Board approve the amendment of the contract with Design Engineering, Inc.

B. Discussion of the award of a contract with Kostmayer Construction in the amount of \$2,364,518.55 for the IHNC and Michoud Floodgates Blast, Paint and Repair Project.

Mr. Spencer advised that the Orleans Levee District (O.L.D.) had all of the Mississippi River floodgates sandblasted, repainted and repaired under a previous project. The O.L.D. is currently working on the IHNC floodgate phase of the work. The sandblasting, repainting and repair of the IHNC floodgates was advertised and three bids were received (Kostmayer Construction, LLC -\$2,364,518.55, Baker Pile Driving & Site Work, LLC - \$2,559,369.60, and Massman Construction Company - \$2,640,240.00). Mr. Miller noted that the engineer's estimate was \$2,319,000. Mr. Spencer advised that the funding is available to award the contract to the lowest responsive bidder. He advised that some of the floodgates in the project were constructed after Hurricane Betsy and are painted with lead based paint.

A motion was offered by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Kemp and unanimously adopted, to recommend that the Board approve the award of the contract to Kostmayer Construction.

C. Discussion of proposed issuance of a Task Order to the AIMS Group, Inc. in the not to exceed amount of \$133,035.60 to provide Peer Inspection for the Mississippi River Levee and Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction Systems.

Mr. Miller advised that the AIMS Group, Inc. (AIMS) is one of the five firms contracted by the Authority through an Indefinite Delivery-Indefinite Quantity (ID-IQ) Contract for inspection services. The Authority has not yet tasked AIMS with any work. The other firms under contract have been tasked with work. The subject task order and the task order under Agenda Item E will be the first inspection work tasked to AIMS.

Mr. Spencer explained that quarterly inspections are performed by all three levee districts. The purpose of the task order is to provide a fresh look at the inspections. AIMS's inspections can be compared with the Authority's prior inspections. The inspections by AIMS will be rotated to different sections of the system and will start in the Orleans Levee District. Gerry Gillen, Operations Director, added that the inspections by AIMS will be done incrementally over a two year period. The Authority's personnel that would normally do the inspection for the particular section being inspected by AIMS can be assigned to inspect areas in the other level districts so that they can become familiar with the entire system.

Mr. Morgan offered a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Kemp and unanimously adopted, to recommend that the Board approve the issuance of a Task Order to AIMS for Peer Inspection.

D. Discussion of proposed issuance of a Purchase Order to Mike Munna Construction, LLC for Furnishing Labor, Equipment, Materials and Supplies for Grass Cutting of Levees on the North and South Sides of the GIWW at a cost of \$14.75 per acre, along with weed eating costs of \$500.00 per cut.

Mr. Gillen explained that grass maintenance services are secured through the Procurement Code. A Request for Proposals was issued and bids were received. He recommended that a Purchase Order be issued to the lowest responsive bidder, Mike Munna Construction, LLC., for a one year period. The services will be provided on an as needed basis as dictated by weather up to ten cuts. The total estimated annual value of the Purchase Order is \$106,558.10 if all work (ten cuts) is performed on the total of 688.53 acres. During this period some sections of the work area will be turned over to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for levee lifts and armoring; therefore, the total acreage under the Purchase Order will be reduced. The contractor is aware of the upcoming turn over of certain areas to the USACE.

Mr. Morgan offered a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Cosse and unanimously adopted, to recommend that the Board authorize the issuance of a Purchase Order to Mike Munna Construction, LLC for the subject grass maintenance services.

E. Discussion of proposed issuance of a Task Order to the AIMS Group, Inc. in the not to exceed amount of \$167,529.40 for resident inspection services for the construction of the Orleans Levee District police station (Elysian Fields and Lakeshore Drive) and the Franklin Avenue Complex renovations.

Derek Boese, Chief Administrative Officer, advised that in looking to spread work amongst the various firms under contract staff is recommending the issuance of a Task Order to AIMS for the resident inspection services for the construction of the new O.L.D. Police Station and the Franklin Avenue Complex renovations. The pre-construction meeting was held yesterday for the new O.L.D. Police Station and demolition of the old structures on the Elysian Fields site is anticipated to begin by the end of October. The design of the Franklin Avenue Complex renovations is currently underway. AIMS will only invoice the Authority for actual work performed. The inspection costs will be allocated to the appropriate project.

Mr. Morgan offered a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Cosse and unanimously adopted, to recommend that the Board approve the issuance of a Task Order to AIMS for resident inspection services for the new O.L.D. Police Station and Franklin Avenue Complex renovations.

There was no further business; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.