

**MEMORANDUM
DEPARTMENT OF FACILITY SERVICES
COUNTY OF PLACER**

To: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS **Date: NOVEMBER 6, 2007**
From: *JD* JAMES DURFEE / WILL DICKINSON
**Subject: PROJECT NO. 40213 – 2007/08 TRENCHLESS TECHNOLOGY SEWER
REHABILITATION, REJECTION OF BIDS**

ACTION REQUESTED/RECOMMENDATION: Reject all bids for Project No. 40213, 2007/08 Trenchless Technology Sewer Rehabilitation and authorize staff to re-bid the project.

BACKGROUND: On July 24, 2007, your Board approved plans and specifications and authorized staff to solicit bids for Project No. 40213, 2007/08 Trenchless Technology Rehabilitation. Your Board also adopted a Resolution authorizing the Director of Facility Services to execute the resulting contract in an amount not to exceed \$355,000, upon Risk Management's and County Counsel's review and approval, and approve any required change orders consistent with the County Purchasing Manual and Section 20142 of the Public Contract Code. This project consisted of the rehabilitation of approximately 9,500 linear feet of sewer pipes in Sewer Maintenance District (SMD) No.1 and SMD No.2.

Bid solicitations were issued in accordance with the Public Contract Code. Bid documents were sent to 12 trade contractors and building exchanges. At the bid opening, held on August 31, 2007, three sealed bids were opened. The low bid was \$386,619.25, which exceeds the Board approved project budget of \$355,000. A bid summary is attached for your Board's reference.

Staff contacted the three bidders and determined that the high bids were a result of bidding the project late in the construction season when contractors had several other projects already in progress. Accordingly, staff recommends your Board reject all bids and authorize staff to re-bid the project this winter when prices will be more competitive. The resulting contract will be submitted for approval by the Director of Facility Services pursuant to your Board's July 24, 2007 authorization.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE: The recommended action of rejecting all bids is not considered a "project" under the California Environmental Quality Act. Rehabilitation and repair of sewer pipes is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15301(b) "Existing Facilities" of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact associated with rejecting all bids. A construction budget for this project in the amount of \$355,000 (SMD No.1 - \$100,000, SMD No.2 - \$255,000) was approved by your Board on July 24, 2007. Funding is included in the FY 2007/08 Budgets for SMD No. 1 and SMD No. 2.

ATTACHMENT: BID SUMMARY
CC: COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE
PROCUREMENT SERVICES

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BID SUMMARY

**PROJECT NO. 40213
2007/08 TRENCHLESS TECHNOLOGY SEWER REHABILITATION**

J F Pacific Liners, Vacaville CA	\$386,619.75
Insituform Technology Inc., Benicia CA	\$462,365.00
Michels Corporation, Salem OR	\$504,469.00