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Selection of Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc. for Final Design of Colossal Cave Road from Arcadia Elementary to Old Vail Middle School, Including Railroad Crossings and a Three-lane Reconstruction of Colossal Cave Road

Background

Previously, Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc. (PB) was the planning and design consultant for this project and designed significant improvements in 2003. Subsequently, the project was placed on hold due to a lack of funding to address significant additional costs associated with Union Pacific Railroad crossings at Colossal Cave Road. Through a number of actions, additional funding has been made available for the project, now estimated to cost approximately $7.3 million.

The original contract with PB was closed out. It is now appropriate to Direct Select PB based on their past experience and knowledge of the project to initiate final design activities for construction plans, specifications, and estimates.

PB should also be employed for other related activities including, coordination with the Arizona Corporation Commission, due to the railroad crossing and various utilities that populate the roadway, including right of way acquisition activities for the development of both permanent right of way acquisitions and temporary construction easements.

It is estimated the total fee to be paid to complete project design is between $400,000 and $500,000 (not to exceed).

In summary, to expeditiously complete design for this project, it would be appropriate to contract with PB due to their prior design experience with the project.

Recommendation

I recommend the Board of Supervisors authorize staff to negotiate and enter into the Final Design Contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc. for improvements to Colossal Cave Road from Arcadia Elementary School to Old Vail Middle School, including two Union Pacific Railroad Crossings of Colossal Cave Road and the three-lane widening project between the project limits, including all necessary turning, deceleration, or intersection improvements necessary for intersecting public streets.
The Honorable Chairman and Members, Pima County Board of Supervisors
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Respectfully submitted,

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