



Lumpkin County, Georgia

Public Works Department

Date: November 16, 2015

Agenda Item: Awarding of bid for 400/60 welcome sign

Item Description: Awarding of contract for the construction of the Welcome Sign at the intersection of SR 400 and SR 60.

Facts & Historical

Information: In 2005 Lumpkin County received a \$40,000 TE grant to construct a Welcome sign. In 2008 the County received an additional \$65,000 grant for the project. Both of these grants come with a 25% matching requirement. In 2014, the County received a \$50,000 gateway grant for landscaping at the intersection of 400 and 60 (no matching requirement). In October of 2015 a bid package was released for the construction of the sign. The bid package had 3 bid items, Lump Sum Price Sign Complete, Alternate #1 (Lighting) and Alternate #2 (Landscaping)

The bids were due on November 13, 2015. One bid was received. The bid prices for the items are:

- Lump Sum Price Sign Complete: \$132,015.00
 - Alternate #1 (Lighting): \$3,480.00
 - Alternate #2 (Landscaping): \$15,243.00
- The total bid: \$150,738.00

During the planning of the project Lumpkin County spent a total of \$4,200 for a rendering of the sign and to complete the design plans. Below is a summary of the funds available and funds spent:

Fund summary available

TE grant (05)	\$40,000
TE grant (08)	\$65,000
County Match \$26,250-\$4,200	\$22,050
<u>Total available sign construction</u>	<u>\$127,050</u>

Landscape Grant \$50,000 (for landscaping only)

Potential Courses of Action:

- a. Award the total bid of \$150,738
- b. Award the base bid and alt #2 amount= \$147,258
- c. Award Base bid = \$132,015

- d. Award the total bid of \$150,738 and ask the Chamber of Commerce, the City of Dahlonega and UNG to participate in the cost of the sign (approximately \$14,000 each).
- e. Refuse bid

Discussion of COA's and budget impact:

- a. Choosing this action will allow the sign to be constructed as per plans. Alternative #2 can be funded from the landscape grant. The project cost for the Base Bid and Alternative #1 will exceed the available funding by \$8,445.
- b. Choosing this action will allow the sign to be constructed as per plans with the exception of there will be no lighting at night. Alternative #2 can be funded from the landscape grant. The project cost will exceed the available funds by \$4,965. There is some cost (estimated \$7,000) in the base bid for the running of power to the sign. In accordance with terms of the DOT bid documents, after a contract is executed, the owner can negotiate with the contractor. This being the case, we may be able to negotiate all electrical out of the base price after award and that would bring the project cost to an estimated \$2,000 below available funding.
- c. Choosing this option will allow the sign to be constructed with no lighting or landscaping. This would have the same result as option b on funding, but would allow the landscaping to be included in a bid for the entire intersection and be funded by the landscape grant.
- d. Choosing this action will allow the sign to be constructed as per plans. Alternative #2 can be funded from the landscape grant. The project cost for the Base Bid and Alternative #1 is \$135,495 minus the grant amount of \$105,000 leaves an out of pocket cost of \$30,495. This out of pocket cost could be split between the three entities at a rate of \$10,000 each.
- e. Choosing this action will result in the sign having to be rebid either as designed or with a redesign. There is a possibility that the funding will not be available if the project is postponed until a redesign and rebidding is accomplished.

All of the courses of action discussed assume that the matching funding will be in the form of cash and not in kind work performed. There is currently no budgeted funding for the remaining \$22,050 in matching funding.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends option d. This option will allow for the sign to be constructed as per plans. Landscaping can be accomplished under the gateway grant. The additional funds from the other participants will allow the county to pay its share of the project through in kind work performed.

