

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION (RCA)**

DEPARTMENT: Purchasing
AGENDA DATE: September 13, 2005

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Byron Johnson, Director of Purchasing (X4313)
DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: 2
PROJECT NAME/SOLICITATION NO. Mesa Terrace Park Improvements, Solicitation No. 2005-237

SUBJECT:

Award Bid for the construction of Mesa Terrace Park Improvements (Solicitation No. 2005-237) to F.T. James Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$ 259,011.00 (Base Bid), as per recommendations from the Departments of Parks & Recreation and Engineering. F.T. James Construction, Inc. is the lowest responsible, responsive Bidder.

The estimated completion due date based on a construction
Completion time limit of 95 days will be December 2005.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Bid Tabulation, Proposal Form and departmental recommendations are attached as back up to the agenda item.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

This project is funded by Community Development Grant (B04MC480014). Funding is available in 71150069-G7130CD0014-07796-508027. A budget transfer is not necessary at this time.

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

LEGAL: (if required) _____ **FINANCE:** (if required) _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD: _____

(Example: if RCA is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)
Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

CITY MANAGER: _____

DATE: _____

DATE: August 30, 2005
TO: Municipal Clerk
FROM: Byron E. Johnson, C.P.M.
Director of Purchasing - X4313
THRU: Aurora Wells
Interim Bid Clerk, 4038

Please place the following item on the CONSENT agenda for the Council Meeting of September 13, 2005

Solicitation No. 2005-237 Mesa Terrace Park Improvements
Location: 1221 Selden Dr.
Contractor: F.T. James Construction, Inc.
El Paso, Texas
Department: Parks & Recreation
Funds Available: 71150069-G7130CD0014-07796-508027
Funding Source: Community Development Grant (B04MC480015)
Items: Base Bid \$ 259,011.00

Total Award: \$ 259,011.00
Estimated Completion Date: 12/2005
Districts: 2

The Departments of Engineering and Parks and Recreation, recommend the award of this contract to F.T. James Construction, Inc. the low responsible, responsive bidder. It is requested that the Manager of the City of El Paso be authorized to sign the referenced contract approved by the City Engineer, Contract Compliance, and the City Attorney. Additionally, it is requested that the City Manager be authorized to execute budget transfers for this award and project, as necessary.

As part of the award of this contract, the City Engineer is authorized to approve contract changes which are necessary for proper construction of the work and carrying out the intent of the design, but which do not increase the scope of the contract as awarded, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 per numbered change order, and not to exceed the total of 10% of the original contract price as awarded, without further authorization by City Council.

Contact Person: Byron Johnson, C.P.M. Procurement, 541-4313

AGENDA FOR: September 13, 2005

CITY OF EL PASO BID TABULATION

BID ITEM: MESA TERRACE PARK IMPROVEMENTS
 BID DATE: AUGUST 10, 2005

BID # 2005-237
 DEPARTMENT: PARKS

	F. T. JAMES CONSTRUCTION, INC. EL PASO, TEXAS					
DESCRIPTION	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL
BASE BID	\$259,011.00					
ALTERNATE #1	\$9,999.00					
ALTERNATE #2	\$5,555.00					
SUM TOTAL OF BASE BID AND ALTERNATES #1 AND # 2	\$274,565.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AMENDMENTS ACKNOWLEDGED	NONE ISSUED					
BID BOND SUBMITTED	YES					

CHECKED BY: Michael W. Rh 8-10-05

PROPOSAL

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF EL PASO
EL PASO, TEXAS

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The undersigned having familiarized themselves with the local conditions affecting the cost of work and with the Contract documents consisting of Invitation to Bid, Instructions to Bidders, General Conditions, the Contractor's Proposal, Special Bid Conditions, Applicable Wage Rates, the Contract Form, plans, specifications, drawings, and addenda on file in the office of the Purchasing Department of the City of El Paso, hereby propose to perform everything required to be performed and to provide furnish and install all the labor, materials, necessary tools, expendable equipment, and all utility and transportation services, and to complete in a workmanlike manner all the work required for the

Mesa Terrace Park Improvements

Solicitation No. 2005-237

Within the specified limits and in accordance with the plans, including Addenda numbers:

No Addenda

AT THE FOLLOWING LUMP SUM:

Base Bid :

Mesa Terrace Park Improvements

The undersigned agrees to perform all of the work required for the total amount of:

\$ 259,011

COMPANY NAME: F.T. JAMES CONSTRUCTION, INC.

BIDDER'S SIGNATURE: 

FRANK T. JAMES, PRESIDENT

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Alternate No. 1:

Extend the height of existing rock wall on the far south side of park property line.

The undersigned agrees to perform all of the work required for the total amount of:

\$ 9,999-

Alternate No. 2:

Remove existing fencing fabric and install new chain link fence fabric on existing fence above rock wall along the West and South property lines.

The undersigned agrees to perform all of the work required for the total amount of:

\$ 5555-

SUM TOTAL OF BASE BID AND ALTERNATES NO. 1 AND 2:

\$ 274,565

COMPANY NAME: F.T. JAMES CONSTRUCTION, INC.

BIDDER'S SIGNATURE:  FRANK T. JAMES, PRESIDENT

CONTRACT TIME AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

The undersigned Bidder agrees to commence work on a date to be specified in a written Notice to Proceed and to substantially complete the work on which he/she has bid within Ninety Five (95) CONSECUTIVE CALENDAR DAYS. Bidder agrees to pay as liquidated damages the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) for each consecutive calendar day thereafter as provided in paragraph 6.8 of the General Conditions of the Contract.

PROPOSAL

Enclosed with this proposal is a certified check or bid bond for five percent (5%) of the TOTAL bid price including base bid(s) and alternate(s) which is agreed shall be collected and retained by the owner(s) as liquidated damages in the event this proposal is accepted by the Owner within sixty (60) consecutive calendar days after the date advised for the reception of bids and the undersigned fails to execute the contract and the required performance and payment bonds with the Owner within ten (10) consecutive calendar days after the date said proposal is accepted; otherwise, the said bid security shall be returned to the undersigned upon demand.

THE UNDERSIGNED BIDDER REPRESENTS TO THE CITY AND TO THE OTHER BIDDERS THAT HIS/HER BID, AND THE ESTIMATES ON WHICH IT IS BASED, HAS BEEN CAREFULLY CHECKED AND CONTAINS NO ERRORS, AND NOTHING HAS BEEN OMITTED OR OVERLOOKED IN DETERMINING THE AMOUNTS BID.

BIDDER'S NAME: F.T. JAMES CONSTRUCTION, INC.

BY: [Signature] 08/10/05
Date

FRANK T. JAMES, PRESIDENT (915) 351-2400 (915) 351-2404
Signer's name & title Telephone Fax

700 W PAISANO DRIVE EL PASO, TEXAS 79901
Address City, State, Zip Code

SAME
Physical Address of Business - if different from above City, State, Zip Code

IF THE BIDDER BE A CORPORATION, THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATE SHOULD BE EXECUTED:

I, RICK MILLER, certify that I am the Secretary of the corporation named as Bidder hereinabove; that FRANK T. JAMES, who signed the foregoing contract on behalf of the Bidder, was then PRESIDENT of said corporation; that said proposal was duly signed for and in behalf of said corporation by authority of its governing body, and is within the scope of its corporate powers.

[Signature]
CORPORATE SECRETARY SIGNATURE AND CORPORATE SEAL

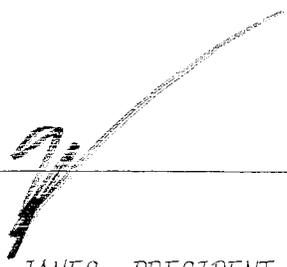
CERTIFICATION OF NONCOLLUSION

PROJECT: Mesa Terrace Park Improvements

SOLICITATION NO: 2005-237

The bidder, being sworn, deposes and says, F.T. JAMES CONSTRUCTION, INC., the contractor, submitting this bid, and that its agents, officers or employers have not directly or indirectly entered into any agreements, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with this proposal or with any City official.

Signature



FRANK T. JAMES, PRESIDENT

Title

08/10/05

Date

POWER OF ATTORNEY APPOINTING INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

Know All Men By These Presents, That Continental Casualty Company, an Illinois corporation, National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, a Connecticut corporation, and American Casualty Company of Reading, Pennsylvania, a Pennsylvania corporation (herein called "the CNA Companies"), are duly organized and existing corporations having their principal offices in the City of Chicago, and State of Illinois, and that they do by virtue of the signatures and seals herein affixed hereby make, constitute and appoint

Georgianne Milliken, John M Rindt, Individually

of El Paso, TX, their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact with full power and authority hereby conferred to sign, seal and execute for and on their behalf bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of similar nature

- In Unlimited Amounts -

and to bind them thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such instruments were signed by a duly authorized officer of their corporations and all the acts of said Attorney, pursuant to the authority hereby given is hereby ratified and confirmed.

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the By-Law and Resolutions, printed on the reverse hereof, duly adopted, as indicated, by the Boards of Directors of the corporations.

In Witness Whereof, the CNA Companies have caused these presents to be signed by their Senior Vice President and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed on this 30th day of January, 2004.



Continental Casualty Company
National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford
American Casualty Company of Reading, Pennsylvania

Michael Gengler
Senior Vice President

State of Illinois, County of Cook, ss:

On this 30th day of January, 2004, before me personally came Michael Gengler to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the City of Chicago, State of Illinois; that he is a Senior Vice President of Continental Casualty Company, an Illinois corporation, National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, a Connecticut corporation, and American Casualty Company of Reading, Pennsylvania, a Pennsylvania corporation described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seals of said corporations; that the seals affixed to the said instrument are such corporate seals; that they were so affixed pursuant to authority given by the Boards of Directors of said corporations and that he signed his name thereto pursuant to like authority, and acknowledges same to be the act and deed of said corporations.



My Commission Expires September 17, 2006

Eliza Price
Notary Public

CERTIFICATE

I, Mary A. Ribikawskis, Assistant Secretary of Continental Casualty Company, an Illinois corporation, National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, a Connecticut corporation, and American Casualty Company of Reading, Pennsylvania, a Pennsylvania corporation do hereby certify that the Power of Attorney herein above set forth is still in force, and further certify that the By-Law and Resolution of the Board of Directors of the corporations printed on the reverse hereof is still in force. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the said corporations this 10th day of August, 2005.



Continental Casualty Company
National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford
American Casualty Company of Reading, Pennsylvania

Mary A. Ribikawskis
Assistant Secretary

Authorizing By-Laws and Resolutions

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY:

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following By-Law duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company.

"Article IX—Execution of Documents

Section 3. Appointment of Attorney-in-fact. The Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President may, from time to time, appoint by written certificates attorneys-in-fact to act in behalf of the Company in the execution of policies of insurance, bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of like nature. Such attorneys-in-fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective certificates of authority, shall have full power to bind the Company by their signature and execution of any such instruments and to attach the seal of the Company thereto. The Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President or the Board of Directors, may, at any time, revoke all power and authority previously given to any attorney-in-fact."

This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company at a meeting duly called and held on the 17th day of February, 1993.

"Resolved, that the signature of the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile on any power of attorney granted pursuant to Section 3 of Article IX of the By-Laws, and the signature of the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any certificate of any such power and any power or certificate bearing such facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding on the Company. Any such power so executed and sealed and certified by certificate so executed and sealed shall, with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached, continue to be valid and binding on the Company."

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA:

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following By-Law duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company.

"Article VI—Execution of Obligations and Appointment of Attorney-In-Fact

Section 2. Appointment of Attorney-in-fact. The Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President may, from time to time, appoint by written certificates attorneys-in-fact to act in behalf of the Company in the execution of policies of insurance, bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of like nature. Such attorneys-in-fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective certificates of authority, shall have full power to bind the Company by their signature and execution of any such instruments and to attach the seal of the Company thereto. The President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President may at any time revoke all power and authority previously given to any attorney-in-fact."

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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD:

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following Resolution duly adopted on February 17, 1993 by the Board of Directors of the Company.

"RESOLVED: That the President, an Executive Vice President, or any Senior or Group Vice President of the Corporation may, from time to time, appoint, by written certificates, Attorneys-in-Fact to act in behalf of the Corporation in the execution of policies of insurance, bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of like nature. Such Attorney-in-Fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective certificates of authority, shall have full power to bind the Corporation by their signature and execution of any such instrument and to attach the seal of the Corporation thereto. The President, an Executive Vice President, any Senior or Group Vice President or the Board of Directors may at any time revoke all power and authority previously given to any Attorney-in-Fact."

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NOTICE

In accordance with the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, we are providing this disclosure notice for bonds and certain insurance policies on which one or more of the Writing Companies identified below is the surety or insurer.

To principals on bonds and insureds on certain insurance policies written by any one or more of the following companies (collectively the "Writing Companies") as surety or insurer: Western Surety Company, Universal Surety of America, Surety Bonding Company of America, Continental Casualty Company, National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, American Casualty Company of Reading, PA, The Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, NJ, and The Continental Insurance Company.

DISCLOSURE OF PREMIUM

The premium attributable to coverage for terrorist acts certified under the Act was Zero Dollars (\$0.00).

DISCLOSURE OF FEDERAL PARTICIPATION IN PAYMENT OF TERRORISM LOSSES

The United States will pay ninety percent (90%) of covered terrorism losses exceeding the applicable surety/insurer deductible.

SUPPLEMENTAL BIDDER INFORMATION
Part I

PROJECT NAME: Mesa Terrace Park Improvements

SOLICITATION No. 2005-237

1. The legal name and the business address of the bidder are:

F.T. JAMES CONSTRUCTION, INC.

2. The bidder is:

A Single Proprietorship A Corporation A Limited Partnership

A Joint Venture

Organized in the County of EL PASO, State of TEXAS
(Name of State)

3. Race or ethnic group designation of bidder. Enter race or ethnic group in the appropriate line:

Black Hispanic Oriental American Indian
 Eskimo Aleut White Pacific Islander

4. The name, title and address of the owner, partner, or officers of the bidder are:

NAME	TITLE
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FRANK T. JAMES PRESIDENT/TREASURER

RICK MILLER VICE PRES/SECRETARY

5. The names and addresses of all other persons, both natural and corporate, having a substantial interest in the bidder, and the nature of the interest are:

NA

6. The names, addresses and trade classifications of all other building construction contractors in which the bidder has a substantial interest are:

NAME	TITLE	TRADE CLASSIFICATION
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NA

SUPPLEMENTAL BIDDERS INFORMATION
PART III

STATEMENT OF INCORPORATED MATERIALS

Mesa Terrace Park Improvements,

SOLICITATION NO. 2005-237 BIDDER: F.T. JAMES CONSTRUCTION, INC.

The State of Texas requires a "separated contract" for tax exemption purposes. This format complies with this requirement.

The amounts entered for base bids, alternates and unit prices are the agreed contract prices for incorporated materials.

Base Bids:

Base Bid \$ 110,000 -

Alternates:

Alternate No. 1 \$ 4,000 -

Alternate No. 2 \$ 3,000 -

City of El Paso

Mesa Terrace Park Improvements

SCOPE OF WORK

Solicitation No. 2005-237

Mesa Terrace Park is a neighborhood park located in the Central part of the city (see location map). The park currently consists of a playground, six trees and small open spaces. The work required at Mesa Terrace Park consists of the following:

Base Bid :

- 1) Install four new park benches and concrete pads as specified.
- 2) Remove a portion of existing 18" rock wall.
- 3) Install new 18" rock wall and concrete cap.
- 4) Install two 16' x 16' metal shelters with picnic tables.
- 5) Expand the existing playground, install new playground equipment, existing playground equipment will remain. Provide 12" of sand for the new additional playground area.
- 6) Install 10 new trees and shrubs along fence to separate park from residents.
- 7) Install drip irrigation to all newly planted trees and shrubs, sub surface system.
- 8) Provide 5' concrete walkways to metal shelters.
- 9) Install new shade canopy over new and existing playground area.
- 10) Install two irrigation controllers one in the existing pump area and the other in the storage building.
- 11) Reseed damaged turf areas resulting from construction activities.
- 12) Remove portions of the existing concrete walkways that do not meet ADA standards and replace with new concrete pavement that meet ADA standards.
- 13) Place Mt. Franklin red screenings as shown on plans with concrete curb.

Note: Contractor must refer to General Notes, Drawings, Specifications, Pictures and Standard Detail sections of this project, for detailed information and procedures to perform the work required to accomplish each of the above-mentioned items.

ALTERNATE NO. 1:

Extend rock wall along south park property line from 18" to 6'-0":

The Contractor shall be responsible to visit and review the extent of work required to extend rock wall to six foot height as indicated in the construction documents. The contractor shall be responsible to remove debris of all rock wall materials and to restore the area to the existing condition. Refer to sheets SI-1 of 12 in the set of construction documents for Mesa Terrace Park. For further information on specifications or requirements, refer to the specification section(s) of this project.

ALTERNATE NO. 2:

Replace existing fence fabric with new chain link fence fabric along west and south property lines:

The Contractor shall be responsible to visit and review the extent of work required to remove existing fence fabric and install a new chain link fence fabric as indicated in construction documents. The contractor shall be responsible to remove all fence materials, restoring the area to the existing condition. Refer to sheets SI-1 of 12 in the set of construction documents for Mesa Terrace Park. For further information on specifications or requirements, refer to the specification section(s) of this project.

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- 6) Install 10 new trees and shrubs along fence to separate park from residents.
- 7) Install drip irrigation to all newly planted trees and shrubs, sub surface system.
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CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

2 Civic Center Plaza, 6th Floor
El Paso, Texas 79901-1196
Tel: (915) 541-4331 Fax: (915) 541-4355

TO: Jaime Huerta, Purchasing

FROM:  Norman C. Merrifield, Director of Parks and Recreation Department

DATE: August 26, 2005

CC: Javier Reyes, Engineering Program Manager
Rick Talamo
Richard Garcia, Parks Operation Manager

SUBJECT: **Mesa Terrace Park Improvements, Bid No. 2005-232**
Mesa Terrace Park Improvements Solicitation Bid No. 2005-237

We recommend that F.T. James Construction, Inc. of El Paso, Texas, the apparent low bidder, be awarded the project as follows:

Base Bid I	\$ 259,011.00
Total Base Bid	\$ 259,001.00

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CITY OF EL PASO
CONSTRUCTION BIDDING



ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Excellence through Teamwork

memorandum

TO: Michael Plum
Administrative Analyst, Construction Bidding Office

FROM: Javier Reyes, P.E.
Engineering Program Manager 

DATE: August 18, 2005

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Mesa Terrace Park Improvements

We have reviewed the bid tabulations for subject project and recommend that F.T. James Construction be awarded the construction contract for the Base Bid in the amount of \$ 259,011.00.

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CITY OF EL PASO
CONSTRUCTION BIDDING

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

Registered Landscape Architects and Irrigation Consultants

TEXAS
630 Gary Lane
(915) 581-2676

NEW MEXICO

ARIZONA
EL PSAO, TEXAS 79922
E-mail: lwright@whc.net

August 22, 2005

Mr. Lorenzo Rodriguez, Project Coordinator
City Engineering Department
2 Civic Center Plaza
EL Paso, Texas 79901

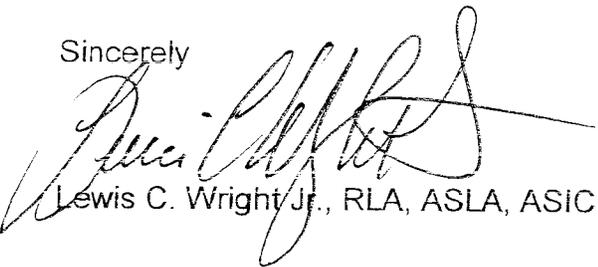
RE: Mesa Terrace Park Improvements
Selden Drive
EL Paso, Texas

Dear Mr. Rodriguez:

This letter is a recommendation for the contractor that was successful in bidding the above project. The general contractor, F.T. James Construction, Inc., has installed several landscape and irrigation projects in the past five years for the City of El Paso. These projects have been completed with satisfaction and there is no reason to believe anything different with this project. F.T. James has handled passed projects with acceptable performance and satisfactory work.

If you have, any questions feel free to contact me.

Sincerely



Lewis C. Wright Jr., RLA, ASLA, ASIC

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CITY OF EL PASO
CONSTRUCTION BIDDING

“LAS is making a difference in the quality of El Paso’s urban and natural environment through design, service, water conservation and knowledge.”