

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NEW ORLEANS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2013**

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-03

WHEREAS, there are funds allocated in the Replacement Housing Factor Funds (RHF) and a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant to provide for the construction of 52 units in 26 buildings at the Florida Avenue Development; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) issued Invitation for Bids No. 13-911-05 on November 30, 2012 to procure a Contractor to perform the construction of 52 units in 26 buildings at the Florida Avenue Development; and

WHEREAS, responses to Invitation for Bids (IFB) Number 13-911-05, Florida Avenue: New Affordable Housing Units received responses from four (4) contractors; and

WHEREAS, the lowest bidder, Q&M Landscaping Industrial Service, LLC does not hold a Contractors' License in Commercial Building Construction and the bid was deemed non-responsive; and

WHEREAS, the next lowest bid was reviewed; and

WHEREAS, the lowest, responsible and responsive bid was received from Parkcrest Builders, LLC; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that approval be given to award a contract in the amount of \$11,288,000.00 to Parkcrest Builders, LLC to perform the construction of 52 units in 26 buildings at the Florida Avenue Development.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of New Orleans authorizes the award of a contract to Parkcrest Builders, LLC in the amount of \$11,288,000.00 to perform the construction of 52 units in 26 buildings at the Florida Avenue Development.

Executed this 19th day of February, 2013

APPROVAL:



DAVID GILMORE
ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



February 19, 2013

MEMORANDUM

**To: David Gilmore
Administrative Receiver
Chairman, Board of Commissioners**

**From: Audrey Plessy
Interim Procurement Manager**

**Re: Invitation for Bids No. 13-911-05
Florida Avenue: New Affordable Housing Units**

The scope of work for this procurement consists of the construction of 52 units in 26 buildings at the Florida Avenue: New Affordable Housing Units, pursuant to Invitation for Bids Number 13-911-05.

The bid package was prepared and distributed by the Procurement and Contracts Department through the project architect. A total of twelve (12) contractors received bid packages. The Invitation for Bids was advertised for a total of fifty-four (54) days. The advertisement was published in the Times-Picayune on Friday, November 30, 2012, Wednesday, December 5, 2012 and Wednesday, December 12, 2012. Additionally, the advertisement was published in the Louisiana Weekly, a minority owned, local publication on Monday, December 3, 2012 and The Daily Advertiser, a Lafayette Louisiana publication on Wednesday, December 5, 2012 and Wednesday, December 12, 2012. Finally, the solicitation, in its entirety, was posted on the Bid Express website and made available to subscribers electronically for download. A pre-bid conference was held on Thursday, December 13, 2012. Four (4) bids were received in response to the solicitation from the following contractors:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>
Q&M Landscaping Industrial Service, LLC	\$260,000.00
Parkcrest Builders, LLC	\$11,288,000.00
Gibbs Construction, LLC	\$13,870,000.00
BBL Builders	\$14,795,000.00

Q&M Landscaping Industrial Service, LLC, the apparent low bidder, is not properly licensed to perform the work in accordance with the specifications, as they do not hold a Contractors' License in Commercial Building Construction. Therefore, since Q&M Landscaping Industrial Service, LLC does not hold a license in Commercial Building Construction, their bid was deemed non-responsive and rejected from this procurement.

In that Parkcrest Builders, LLC submitted the lowest, responsive bid, a due diligence review was conducted. The review consisted of a reference verification, whereby references were contacted to respond to questions regarding the previous work performance of the Contractor. Further, the

List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Non-Procurement Programs was checked to ensure that the contractor is not debarred from participation in federally funded contracts. Further, the Louisiana Secretary of State and State of Louisiana Licensing Board of Contractors websites were checked to determine if the contractor is registered and licensed with the State. Results from the due diligence review indicate that the bidder is responsible.

Therefore, pursuant to the recommendation of the Interim General Counsel, I hereby certify that this procurement was conducted in accordance with all applicable Federal and State regulations and laws, and in accordance with HANO's procurement policy. I further certify that Parkcrest Builders, LLC submitted the lowest, responsible, and responsive bid. As such, it is recommended that a contract be awarded to Parkcrest Builders, LLC to perform the construction of 52 units in 26 buildings at the Florida Avenue Development, pursuant to Invitation for Bids Number 13-911-05, Florida Avenue: New Affordable Housing Units, in the amount of \$11,288,000.00.