

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NEW ORLEANS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
May 21, 2013**

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-29

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) Capital Funds and a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant are to provide for the construction of 155 Units in 44 buildings at the Guste III Housing Community; and

WHEREAS, HANO issued Invitation for Bids No. 13-912-13 on February 20, 2013 to procure a contractor to construct 155 units in 44 buildings at the Guste III Housing Community; and

WHEREAS, responses to Invitation for Bids (IFB) Number 13-912-13 were received on April 3, 2013 from three (3) contractors; and

WHEREAS, the lowest bidder Gibbs Construction, LLC was deemed non-responsive; and

WHEREAS, the next lowest bid, Parkcrest Builders, LLC was reviewed; and

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

WHEREAS, the Administrative Receiver on behalf of HANO executed and awarded the contract on May 8, 2013, to Parkcrest Builders, LLC, to construct 155 units in 44 buildings at the Guste III Housing Community, in the amount of thirty six million one hundred forty one thousand dollars and no cents (\$36,141,000.00).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of New Orleans hereby ratifies the actions of the Administrative Receiver in executing and awarding the contract entered into on May 8, 2013, in the amount of thirty six million one hundred forty one thousand dollars and no cents (\$36,141,000.00), to Parkcrest Builders, LLC, to perform the construction of 155 units in 44 buildings at the Guste III Housing Community.

Executed this 21st day of May, 2013

APPROVAL:



**DAVID GILMORE
ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



May 21, 2013

MEMORANDUM

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

**From: Audrey Plessy
Interim Procurement Manager**

**Re: Ratification of Contract #13-912-13
Guste III: New Affordable Housing Units**

The scope of work for this procurement provides for the construction of 155 units in 44 buildings at the Guste III Housing Community, pursuant to Invitation for Bids Number 13-912-13.

The bid package was prepared and distributed by the Procurement and Contracts Department through the project architect. A total of eight (8) contractors received bid packages. The Invitation for Bids was advertised for a total of forty-three (43) days. The advertisement was published in the Times-Picayune on Wednesday, February 20, 2013, Friday, March 1, 2013 and Wednesday, March 6, 2013 and posted on NOLA.com. Additionally, the advertisement was published on the McGraw Hill Construction Dodge and Reed Construction Data Plan Room websites. 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, March 7, 2013. Three (3) bids were received in response to the solicitation from the following contractors:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>
Gibbs Construction, LLC	\$34,300,000
Parkcrest Builders, LLC	\$36,141,000
BBL Builders, LP	\$38,822,300

Gibbs Construction, LLC, the apparent low bidder, failed to submit the Louisiana Uniform Public Work Bid Form, Unit Price Form, which was issued to document holders via Addendum #3 and dated 3/22/13. Although Gibbs Construction, LLC acknowledged receipt of Addendum #3 on the Louisiana Uniform Public Work Bid Form, they failed to include the Unit Price Form in their bid submittal documents. Louisiana State Bid Law RS 38:2212 A. (1) (b) (i) states, "The provisions and requirement of this Section, those stated in the advertisement for bids, and those required on the bid form shall not be waived by any entity". Therefore, Gibbs Construction, LLC's bid has been 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.

Parkcrest Builders, LLC has submitted certification attesting that they agree to address HANO's requirements relative to employment and contracting for Section 3 residents and business concerns, minority business enterprises and woman business enterprises.

Therefore, pursuant to the advice 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. On May 8, 2013, the Administrative Receiver on behalf of HANO executed and awarded the contract to Parkcrest Builders, LLC, in the amount of thirty six million one hundred forty one thousand dollars and no cents \$36,141,000.00, to perform the construction of 155 units in 44 buildings at the Guste III Housing Community. Ratification of the actions of the Administrative Receiver in executing and awarding the contract is being requested.