

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch, City Manager

SUBJECT: Proposed Award of a Construction Contract to Renovate the Bowie Playhouse (R-32-08)

Staff recently advertised and accepted bids for the necessary renovations of the Bowie Playhouse located at Whitmarsh Park. Due to a prolonged permit review process, it has taken longer than originally projected to bring this project to the award stage.

The scope of the work involves the installation of siding around the entire facility, the doubling of the lobby area, renovations to the existing bathrooms, and the installation of a handicapped accessible family bathroom. Additionally, the side entrances will have canopies installed over them, and a rear entrance stairwell will be refurbished. The interior basement bathrooms, used by the performers and musicians, will also be refurbished. On Monday, May 19, 2008, at 2:00 p.m., bids were received for the above work with the results as follows:

	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Alt 1 Siding</u>	<u>Alt. 2 Ceramic Tile</u>	<u>Alt. 3 3 Bathrooms</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
Boblits Enterprises Hughesville, MD	\$403,600	\$15,450	\$34,750	\$8,650	\$462,450
Molina Construction Hyattsville, MD	412,800	\$43,090	\$ 6,430	15,710	478,030
Caffes Construction Crofton, MD	436,000	48,000	24,000	5,600	479,900
Mattingly Constr. Co. White Plains, MD	419,000	53,000	18,000	8,500	498,500

The Alternate #1 was for vinyl and aluminum siding, featuring two colors in lieu of removal and replacement of the existing T-111 wood board exterior. Alternate #2 was a cost for upgrading from vinyl flooring to ceramic tile, and Alternate #3 represents the cost for renovating the two basement bathrooms.

Staff has reviewed the bids and spoken to references. Staff is satisfied that the bid provided by Boblits Enterprises meets all the necessary conditions and meets our specifications provided. Staff recommends the inclusion of Alternates 1 and 3 as part of the bid award in the amount of \$427,700. Staff does not recommend awarding Alternate 2 at this time. The Alternate #2 tile has been determined to be a special order tile that is cost prohibitive. Staff recommends working further with the project engineer to obtain a lesser cost ceramic tile with a less complicated pattern readily available on the market that would become a change order on this contract. Staff's expectation is that significant cost savings will be achieved using this method.

RECOMMENDATION: Based on the above information, it is recommended that City Council approve resolution R-32-08 to award a contract to Boblits Enterprises in the amount of \$427,700 for the renovations and additions to the Bowie Playhouse. Work will commence as of July 1, 2008 and be completed by October 31, 2008.

**RESOLUTION**

**OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND**  
**AWARDING A CONTRACT TO BOBLITS ENTERPRISES FOR**  
**RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE**  
**BOWIE PLAYHOUSE LOCATED AT WHITEMARSH PARK**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bowie owns the Bowie Playhouse located at Whitemarsh Park, and:

**WHEREAS**, bids were received for renovations and improvements to the Bowie Playhouse on Monday, May 19, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at which time four bids were received; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that the lowest qualified bidder is Boblitts Enterprises; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that Boblitts Enterprises is a reputable company and is fully capable of completing the work necessary per our specification; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council for the City of Bowie, Maryland that the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement with Boblitts Enterprises in the amount of \$427,700.

**INTRODUCED AND PASSED** by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland at a Regular Meeting on June 2, 2008.

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G. Frederick Robinson  
Mayor

Attest:

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Pamela A. Fleming  
City Clerk