



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
December 12, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
Submitted by: LaTanya Bellow, Deputy City Manager, Interim Director, Public Works
Subject: Contract: American Restore, Inc. for City of Berkeley Transfer Station Tipping Floor Repair Emergency Project at 1201 Second Street

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution:

1. Acknowledging the necessity for immediate repairs to the Transfer Station Tipping Floor at 1201 Second Street due to hazardous conditions and authorizing an exception to the formal bidding process;
2. Accepting the proposal from American Restore, Inc. as the sole proposal received from an informal solicitation of multiple contractors for its specialized services in response to the urgent need for repair;
3. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the proposed contract with American Restore, Inc. and any amendments, extensions, or other change orders as necessary to facilitate the timely completion of the project, for an amount not to exceed \$443,207.00.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The funding for the emergency repair of the Transfer Station Tipping Floor at 1201 Second Street is available and will be allocated from the Zero Waste funds as follows:

Funding Source: Zero Waste Fund- \$443,207.00

- American Restore, Inc. Proposal: \$402,915.00
- Contingency Allocation: \$40,292.00
- Total Construction Cost: \$443,207.00

The total amount includes the construction proposal amount and a contingency to address any unforeseen circumstances that may arise during the repair process. This allocation ensures the project's completion without the need for additional funding

sources, and no other projects will be impacted or delayed as a result of this expenditure.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Transfer Station Tipping Floor at 1201 Second Street has undergone critical structural disrepair in three sections. The concrete has eroded due to excessive wear from heavy equipment and caustic waste materials, exposing metal beams and rebar. This poses a significant safety hazard for City Staff, a significant safety hazard to the transfer station's equipment, and risks further damage that could substantially escalate repair costs for the City. An immediate commencement of repair work is paramount to prevent the exacerbation of these hazards and control potential financial implications.

After a competitive informal solicitation process, in which five contractors were contacted, only one bid was received. The response from contractors was limited due to the specialized nature of the repairs and the operational challenges posed by the transfer station, culminating in a single bid from American Restore, Inc. American Restore, Inc., the sole bidder, is highly experienced in this specific repair, having worked on transfer stations across the nation and previously on the City's facility. Their unique expertise and prior successful repair work on the tipping floor assure timely and effective restoration.

The Berkeley Transfer Station Tipping Floor Repair Emergency Project is a Strategic Plan Priority Project, advancing our goal to provide state-of-the-art, well-maintained infrastructure, amenities, and facilities.

BACKGROUND

The Berkeley Transfer Station serves as a pivotal component in the city's waste management system, providing a central location for the sorting and transfer of the community's refuse. It plays a crucial role in the City's environmental sustainability efforts and waste reduction strategies. This facility not only supports the City's zero-waste goals but also ensures the health and safety of the community by efficiently managing waste materials.

As an operational nexus for the City's waste, the station's integrity is vital for maintaining the flow and processing of materials. Its role extends beyond mere waste handling; it contributes to the City's resilience, facilitating the redirection of waste from landfills through recycling and recovery operations. The current structural disrepair of the tipping floor threatens the Transfer Station's core functionality.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

The repair work will be conducted following the City's environmental and sustainability guidelines, ensuring minimal environmental impact during the repair process.

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RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Contracted services are required for this project as the City does not have the in-house expertise to complete this specialized work. Given the urgency and specialized nature of the repair work, it is imperative to proceed with the contractor who has both the experience and capability to address the issue promptly and efficiently. Delaying repairs could lead to worsened conditions, increased hazards, and inflated costs.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None, due to the urgent need for repair and the specialized nature of the work required.

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Attachments:

- 1: Resolution
- 2: Abstract of Solicitation of Contractors

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN RESTORE, INC. FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS AT
1201 SECOND STREET

WHEREAS, the City Transfer Station Tipping Floor at 1201 Second Street requires immediate repair due to critical structural disrepair; and

WHEREAS, the City has neither the expertise nor the equipment necessary to undertake this emergency repair project; and

WHEREAS, the condition of the tipping floor presents a significant hazard to Staff and equipment, and delays in repair could escalate costs significantly; and

WHEREAS, the City conducted an informal solicitation process, reaching out to five contractors for proposals on the urgent repair of the Transfer Station Tipping Floor at 1201 Second Street, and only American Restore, Inc. possessed the requisite expertise and capacity to submit a proposal for the specialized repairs needed; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the FY 2024 budget in the Zero Waste Fund.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the Council acknowledges the urgent necessity for immediate repairs to the Transfer Station Tipping Floor at 1201 Second Street due to hazardous conditions and hereby authorizes an exception to the formal bidding process in light of the emergency situation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council accepts the proposal from American Restore, Inc. as the sole and specialized service provider, which was received through an informal solicitation process of multiple contractors, demonstrating the company's unique qualifications and readiness to address the urgent repair needs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is authorized to execute a contract with American Restore, Inc. for the repair of the Transfer Station Tipping Floor at 1201 Second Street, including any necessary amendments, extensions, or other change orders required to ensure the timely and effective completion of the project, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$443,207.00.

TRANSFER STATION TIPPING FLOOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS
Abstract of Solicitation of Contractors

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	<u>Company Name</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>	<u>Site Visit</u>	<u>Result</u>
1	Structural Group, Inc (previously known as Structural Technologies) - internal group "Pullman SST, Inc."	Amelia Taylor	8/9/23	Chose not to bid
2	Structural Group, Inc (previously known as Structural Technologies) - internal group "Structural Preservation Systems"	Erik Lawrence	n/a	Chose not to bid
3	American Restore	Jim Andrews	9/25/23	Received Bid
4	Valentine Corporation	Erick Carreno	9/29/23	Chose not to bid - would only be a pass through and recommended we contract with their sub direction (American Restore)
5	OC Jones & Sons, Inc.	Jason Martin	9/25/23	Chose not to bid

