

Memorandum Date: September 27, 2023
Order Date: October 17, 2023

TO: Board of County Commissioners

DEPARTMENT: County Administration

PRESENTED BY: David Ward, Capital Planning and Facilities Manager

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: ORDER/ In the Matter of Awarding a Contract to Bridgeway Contracting, LLC in the Amount of \$640,621.00 to Provide and Install Audio/Video Upgrades in Select 3rd Floor Courtrooms of the Lane County Courthouse, and Delegating Authority to the County Administrator to Execute the Contract

I. MOTION

Move to award a contract to Bridgeway Contracting, LLC in the Amount of \$640,621.00 to provide and install audio/video upgrades in select 3rd floor courtrooms of the Lane County Courthouse, and delegate authority to the County Administrator to execute the contract.

II. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

The proposed contract is for comprehensive construction services to upgrade electrical infrastructure and install new audio/video upgrades in select 3rd floor courtrooms at the Lane County Courthouse. In accordance with Oregon Revised Statutes governing public procurements, the project was advertised for competitive bidding and Bridgeway Contracting, LLC was the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

III. BACKGROUND/IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION

A. Board Action and Other History

Courtrooms at the Lane County Courthouse currently lack built-in infrastructure for facilitating remote hearings and processes, and supporting digital presentation of information and evidence.

On December 14, 2021, the Board passed Order No. 21-12-14-08 allocating ARPA funds for this project, and on August 1, 2023 the Board passed Order No. 23-08-01-06 adopting the FY24-28 Capital Improvement Plan which includes this project.

B. Policy Issues

Policies and procedures relevant to this proposal relate to procurement requirements and are contained in Lane Manual, Chapter 20.

C. Board Goals

This project supports the Board of Commissioner's strategic goals of Robust Infrastructure by bringing digital modernization to the Lane County Courthouse, and a Safe, Healthy County by allowing court proceedings to move forward more efficiently.

D. Financial and/or Resource Considerations

The proposed cost of \$640,621.00 to bring digital modernization to a portion of the Lane County Courthouse is provided through funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). This project was allocated \$1.1M by Order No. 21-12-14-08 of which \$178,000.00 was contracted for design, and the remaining funds allocated to abatement and contingency.

E. Health Implications

There are no health implications at this time.

F. Analysis

The Lane County Courthouse opened in 1957 and currently houses 15 courtrooms serving Lane County's population of ~385,000. While the Courthouse has undergone many renovations over the past 66 years, it has never been properly outfitted with modern audio/video equipment and systems.

During the COVID-19 pandemic the Oregon State Circuit Court of Lane County experienced a tremendous hearing backlog due to court closures, and the use of remote, digital communications expanded greatly lending significant safety and efficiencies to many industries including court proceedings. However, court operations in the Lane County Courthouse were unable to take full advantage of that expansion due to a lack of courtroom digital communication infrastructure. Courtroom digital modernization offers the ability to improve the efficiency and resiliency of court operations, and improves equality for members of the community who may need to participate in court proceedings despite transportation challenges within our broad, rural county.

This project seeks to add digital modernization to four 3rd floor courtrooms within the Lane County Courthouse, and provide electrical upgrades to the remaining three 3rd floor courtrooms to make them "A/V ready" allowing easier addition of audio/video systems to those rooms in the future as additional funding becomes available.

G. Alternatives/Options

1. Award the contract to Bridgeway Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$640,621.00 and delegate authority to the County Administrator to execute the contract.
2. Do not approve the contract, and direct staff to explore other potential alternatives.
3. Do not approve the contract to provide digital modernization to select courtrooms in the Lane County Courthouse.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Award contract for \$640,621.00 and delegate authority to the County Administrator to execute the contract.

V. TIMING/IMPLEMENTATION

If the contract is awarded, the project is expected to begin October 2023 and be completed by November 1, 2024.

VI. FOLLOW-UP

N/A

VII. ATTACHMENTS

- A. Board Order
- B. Bridgeway Contracting, LLC Bid

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO: 23-10-17-01

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING A
CONTRACT TO BRIDGEWAY
CONTRACTING, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$640,621.00 TO PROVIDE AND INSTALL
AUDIO/VIDEO UPGRADES IN SELECT 3RD
FLOOR COURTROOMS OF THE LANE
COUNTY COURTHOUSE, AND
DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE
THE CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the Lane County Courthouse currently lacks modern audio/video equipment and systems; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic greatly expanded the use of remote digital communications; and

WHEREAS, the Courtroom Digital Modernization Project was identified in the Lane County CIP adopted by the Board August 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the County underwent a competitive bidding process consistent with Oregon statutes to secure construction bids for this project; and

WHEREAS, funding for the Courtroom Digital Modernization Project was allocated by the Board as a portion of ARPA funding received by Lane County;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County **ORDERS** as follows:

1. A contract in the amount of \$640,621.00 be awarded to Bridgeway Contracting, LLC for audio/video upgrades in select 3rd floor courtrooms of the Lane County Courthouse.
2. The County Administrator be delegated authority to execute the contract

ADOPTED this 17th day of October, 2023.

Pat Farr, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Date_____

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September 21, 2023

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Subject: **LC Courtroom Modernization Post-Bid Addendum #2 Proposal Per 2Form's
08/29/2023 Updated Drawings**

Dear Mr. Ward,

Bridgeway Contracting, LLC proposes the following proposal for the above-referenced project:

LC Courtroom Modernization Post-Bid Addendum #2 Proposal: Base Bid \$640,621.00

Work Includes per 2Form's Notes Dated August 29th, 2023:

- Delete Alternates from Project Scope
- Removal of All A/V Systems & Equipment in Courtrooms 301-304
- Revised Bid Includes A/V Systems & Equipment in Courtrooms 305-307
- Courtrooms 301-304 "STILL" Includes All Demolition, Architectural, Electrical, and Telecom Work to Make Rooms "A/V Ready" for Possible Future A/V Install

Work Includes per KCL Engineering Notes Dated August 28th, 2023:

- Courtrooms 201 & 408 are Removed from Scope
- A/V Systems & Equipment for Courtrooms 301-304 are Removed
- Complete A/V Installation to only be in Courtrooms 305, 306 & 307

Excludes:

- Additional Work not Shown on Post-Bid Addendum #2 Plans

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our Post-Addendum #2 for the Lane County Courtroom Digital Modernization proposal for your project.

Sincerely,
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Owner/PM/Estimator
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