



## ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item  
Meeting of September 17, 2011**

**DATE:** August 12, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Approve the Award of a Contract to Ardent Company LLC for the Construction of the Bus Stop & Shelter Enhancement Program, at various locations throughout the County, Contract No. 177-10.

**C. M. RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Approve the award of Contract No. 177-10 to Ardent Company LLC. for the construction of the Bus Stop & Shelter Enhancement Program in the amount of \$333,100.00; authorize an allocation of \$40,000.00 as a contingency for change orders and increased quantities, and \$20,000.00 in stipulated price items for a total authorization of \$393,100.00.
2. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute the contract documents, subject to review by the County Attorney.

**ISSUES:** County Board approval is needed on construction contracts exceeding \$250,000. No issues have been identified.

**SUMMARY:** This Project will make improvements to thirty-one (31) existing bus stops in and around Arlington County. Work includes the addition or replacement of bus shelters, benches, and trash receptacles, the addition or upgrade of existing sidewalks for improved accessibility, and landscaping.

**BACKGROUND:** The County conducted a detailed survey of all bus stops located within County designated high-priority zones and identified high ranking stops in need of improvements with regard to safety, accessibility, custodial, landscaping, and other problems. This Project objective is to make the recommended improvements, as a first phase, to a portion of the existing bus stops that were identified. Improvements include improved crossings, curb ramps, the

County Manager:

*BMD/MA*

County Attorney:

*MNC*

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Staff: Blake Olofson, DES, Engineering

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The Board entered into an agreement with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) on August 18, 2007, whereby VDOT would reimburse Arlington county 100 percent of the costs of this project up to \$800,000. This project is funded by Federal RSTP funds in the amount of \$640,000 and the Commonwealth of Virginia contributes \$160,000 to fund the required 20 percent match. VDOT has spent \$32,000 for preliminary work on this project, and an additional \$178,000 has been spent by the County for study and design. A balance of \$590,000 remains to cover this contract. The remaining \$196,900 will be used for Phase II of the project.

**DISCUSSION:** Prior to the start of construction, the Department of Environmental Services will notify the adjacent civic associations regarding this Project. As the construction progresses, periodic traffic restrictions may be required upon roadways in the vicinity of the active construction zone.

**Bid Information:** The Purchasing agent received the following responsive bids on August 9, 2011.

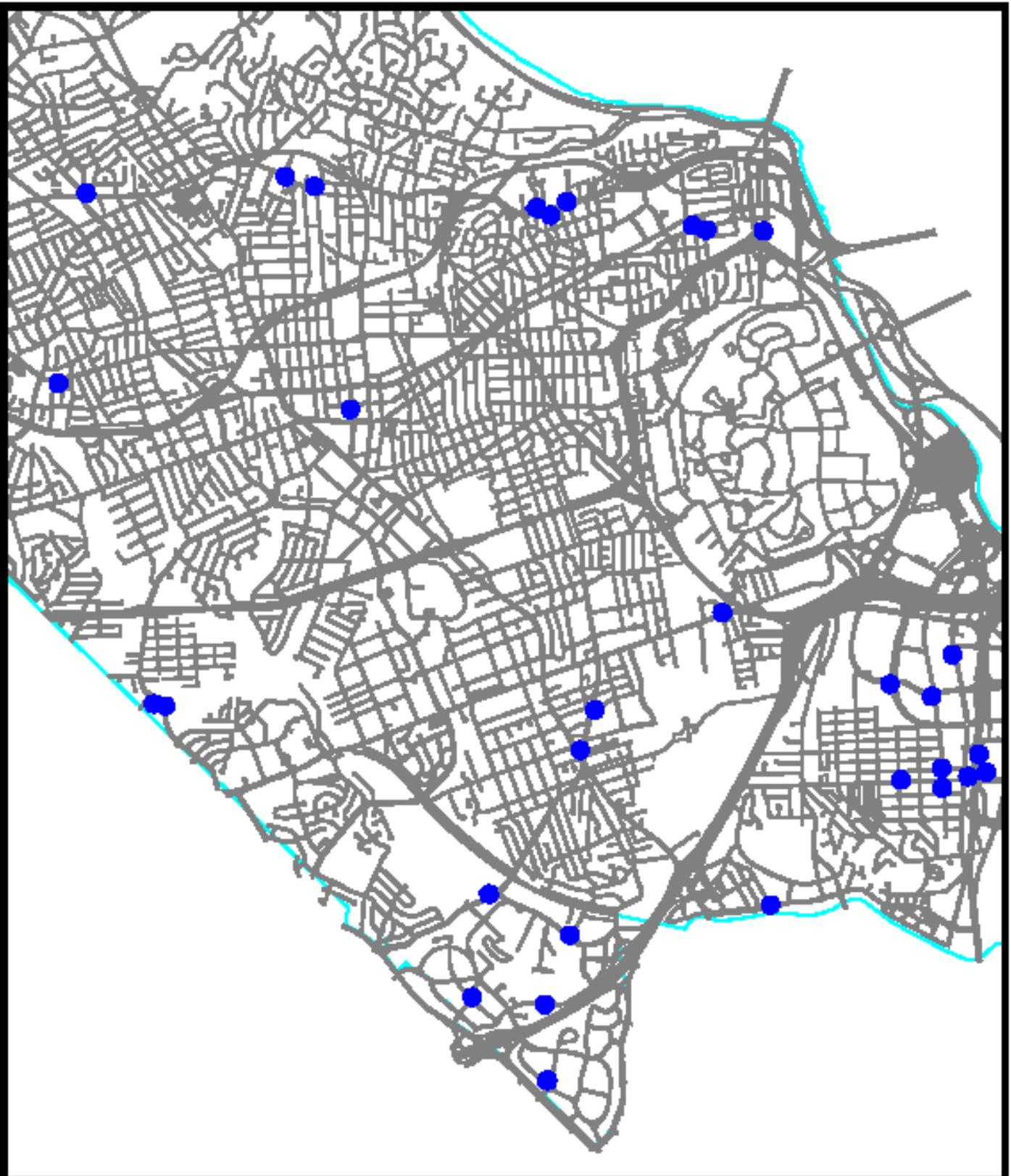
| <u>Bidder</u>                    | <u>Bid Amount</u> |
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| 1. Ardent Company LLC            | \$333,100.00      |
| 2. Anchor Construction Corp.     | \$381,963.67      |
| 3. Fort Meyer Construction Corp. | \$416,403.00      |
| 4. Sagres Construction Corp.     | \$447,070.00      |
| 5. Ashburn Construction Corp.    | \$452,060.00      |
| 6. Jeffery Stack, Inc.           | \$497,818.50      |
| 7. Arthur Construction Co., Inc. | \$761,351.00      |

Ardent Company LLC submitted the lowest responsive bid and was determined to be a responsible bidder. Therefore, it is recommended that a contract be awarded to Ardent Company LLC.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Funds for the Bus Stop and Shelter Enhancement Program were approved on August 18, 2007 through an agreement with the Virginia Department of Transportation. A portion of the funds have been expended for design and study related to the Project.

The balance of the remaining allocated funds, in the amount of \$590,000.00 will be utilized to fund the current construction cost identified herein leaving \$196,000 for construction management, county procurement of bus shelters, and a second phase of stop improvements.

Funds totaling \$393,100.00 are available to finance construction of this project in the following account: 313.43515.MA45.0319.0000



**Bus Stop and Shelter  
Enhancement Program**

**LOCATION MAP**

No Scale

