



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
May 19, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager
Submitted by: Wahid Amiri, Interim Director, Public Works
Subject: Contract: Bay Construction for Public Safety Building Jail Automation Upgrades

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution:

1. Approving plans and specifications for Public Safety Building Automation Upgrades; and
2. Accepting the bid of Bay Construction as the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder; and
3. Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments, extensions, or change orders until the project is completed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications for an amount not to exceed \$1,308,973.00, which includes a contingency of \$218,162.00.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

\$1,090,811 of funding for this project is available in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget in the Capital Improvement Fund. Funding for future years is subject to Council’s approval of the proposed citywide Fiscal Years 2027-2028 Budget.

Low bid by Bay Construction	\$1,090,811.00
20% Contingency	<u>\$ 218,162.00</u>
Total Construction Cost NTE	\$1,308,973.00

Fiscal Year 2026 Funding:
Capital Improvement Fund: \$1,090,811.00

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Berkeley City Jail is located in the Public Safety Building at 2100 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. The City Jail’s control panel and security systems are over 25 years old and have exceeded their expected service life.

Due to obsolescence, replacement parts are becoming increasingly difficult to obtain. If the control panel stops functioning, all jail cells and doors would need to be opened

manually using hard keys. This creates a life-safety concern for both staff and occupants of the facility.

This project was advertised for bids on November 3, 2025, under Specification No. 25-11684-C. Bids were opened on December 11, 2025. The City Received three (3) bids in the amounts ranging from \$1,090,811 to \$1,975,000. The lowest responsive and responsible bidder was determined to be Bay Construction. Therefore, Staff recommends that a contract for the Project be awarded to Bay Construction.

The services provided through the contract will support the Strategic Plan goals of creating a resilient, safe, connected, and prepared city and providing state-of-the-art, well-maintained infrastructure, amenities, and facilities.

Effective January 1, 2026, local agencies are required to satisfy noticing requirements for certain contracts for services that meet the criteria outlined in Government Code Section 3504.1 as amended by AB 339. This project does not meet the criteria in Government Code Section 3504.1 and is exempt from the noticing requirement.

BACKGROUND

The Public Safety Building was constructed in 2000. In 2022, the Berkeley Police Department requested support from Public Works to fund and manage the jail automation upgrade project. The existing control panel and security systems have exceeded their expected service life, and replacement parts are increasingly difficult to obtain. This upgrade project is intended to address critical life-safety concerns.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no identified environmental or climate impacts associated with the project.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The existing control panel and security systems have exceeded their expected service life, and replacement parts are increasingly difficult to obtain. If the control panel stops functioning, all jail cells and doors would need to be opened manually using hard keys. This creates a life-safety concern for both staff and occupants of the facility.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

No alternatives were considered, since the system is outdated and requires replacement.

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Attachments:

- 1: Resolution
- 2: Abstract of Bids

RESOLUTION NO. -N.S.

CONTRACT: BAY CONSTRUCTION FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING
AUTOMATION UPGRADE PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Building Jail requires a new security and control system to upgrade the detention area; and

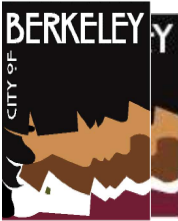
WHEREAS, an invitation for bids (Plans and Specifications No. 25-11684-C) was duly advertised, on November 3, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Bay Construction was determined to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder with a bid in the amount of \$1,090,811; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the FY 2026 budget in the Capital Improvements Fund; and

WHEREAS, this contract is exempt from the noticing requirements set forth in Government Code Section 3504.1.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Berkeley authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments, extensions, or change orders, until completion of the project in accordance with the approved plans and specifications with Bay Construction for the Public Safety Building Jail Automation Upgrade project at 2100 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, in an amount not to exceed \$1,308,973.00, which includes a 20% contingency for unforeseen conditions. A record copy of the agreement and any amendments will be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.



**City of Berkeley
Abstract of Bid Worksheet**

Finance Department
General Services Division

FOR: [Public Safety Building Jail Automation Upgrades](#)

Spec. # 25-11684-C

Bid Date: 02/19/2026

required w/ bid

	Bidders	Base Bid	Alt Bid	Subcontractors	Registration and Experience	Qualifications	Certs	Bid Bond	Non-Collusion	LW	WF	EBO	OS	NF
1	Marc Builders LLC	\$1,975,000.00	\$96,800.00	X	X	X	X	X	X					
2	Bay Construction	\$1,090,811	\$29,000	X	X	X	X	X	X					
3	Globenet	\$1,515,308	\$68,460	X	X	X	X	X	X					
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Signed by:

Sandra Blain

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Bid Recorder:

Date: 2/24/2026

Signed by:

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Bid Opener:

Date: 2/24/2026

Signed by:

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