



September 4th, 2025

Attention: Laney Wilson, P.E. & City of Hermosa Beach

**Subject:** Response to Notice Regarding CIP 619 – Kelly Courts Renovations

Dear Ms. Wilson,

We are in receipt of your letter regarding the bids received for the CIP 619 Kelly Courts Project. Respectfully, we must clarify that the basis cited for requesting justification from Oppenheimer National is not supported by the bid documents.

## **1. No “Five Years of Experience” Requirement Exists**

The bid documents do not state that a bidder must demonstrate five (5) years of prior experience in order to qualify. Rather, the documents require that bidders demonstrate relevant project experience **within the last five (5) years** and that they have completed similar projects of comparable scope:

*“The Contractor shall have a minimum of five (5) projects of similar type of construction and magnitude with other public agencies within the past five (5) years.”*

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This clause does not establish a blanket five-year minimum operating history requirement. Instead, it allows bidders to demonstrate experience through comparable projects performed within the specified five-year window. Attached you will see a list of completed projects for your reference that satisfy requirements. (see pages at end)

## **2. Protest Period Has Expired**

The bid documents establish that any protest must be filed in writing **within five (5) calendar days after the bid opening date**

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. The bids were publicly opened on **August 28, 2025 at 2:00 PM**

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. That deadline has passed without any valid protest being filed.

Per the "Protest Procedures" section:

*"This administrative procedure and the time limits set forth herein are mandatory. Failure to comply... shall constitute a waiver of any right to pursue the bid protest."*

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Accordingly, the protest period is legally exhausted.

### **3. Bid Documents Are Not Publicly Releasable Until Award**

The bid package itself reinforces that bid materials are not subject to release until after award and only through proper procedures, such as a Public Records Act request. Therefore, no bidder should be disadvantaged by retroactive reinterpretation of requirements after the bid closing date.

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### **Conclusion**

The requirement cited in your notice is inconsistent with the actual contract language, and the legally prescribed protest period has already closed. Oppenheimer National respectfully requests confirmation that our bid remains valid as the apparent low, responsive, and responsible bidder.

We appreciate the City's efforts to maintain transparency and fairness in the procurement process, and we remain committed to working cooperatively toward a successful award.

Sincerely,  
Rusteen Hadjilou, CEO  
Oppenheimer National

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Hadjilou'.



## Recently Completed Projects

- **M.E. Playground Improvements- Lawndale** – *Completed Aug 2025* – \$455,662
- **ADA & Beautification Project - SJC** – *Completed Sept. 2025* – \$896,400
- **Valencia Park Improvements - Fullerton** – *Completed May 2025* – \$367,057
- **Public Safety Improvements - La Verne** – *Completed May 2025* – \$178,310
- **ADA Curb Ramps - Vernon** – *Completed Apr 2025* – \$657,000
- **La Verne Police Department** – Public safety block wall & fencing – *Feb 2025* – \$182,000
- **Veterans Park (Chino Hills)** – Electrical lighting installation – *Jan 2025* – \$175,000
- **Polliwog Park (Manhattan Beach)** – Park amenities and ADA ramp/sidewalks – *Oct 2024* – \$187,000
- **Pomona Hydration Upgrades** – Drinking fountains, turf, tile, concrete – *Aug 2024* – \$198,000
- **Fullerton College** – Study lounge remodel – *Aug 2024* – \$195,000
- **Civic Center, Lake Forest** – V-ditch stormwater concrete – *Nov 2024* – \$114,000



- **Huntington Beach Police Department** – Facility grading, asphalt, striping – *Nov 2024* – \$150,000
  - **Arovista Park ADA Parking Lot (City of Brea)** – ADA ramp and parking lot improvements – *May 2024* – \$105,000
  - **Acacia Park Improvements** – Site amenities and flatwork – *Jan 2024* – \$265,000
  - **Laguna Hills Sports Complex** – Park beautification – *Jan 2024* – \$255,000
  - **Lawndale School District** – Flooring & abatement – *Jan 2024* – \$120,000
  - **English Springs Park (Chino Hills)** – Sidewalk and site work – *Dec 2023* – \$110,000
  - **La Puente Park** – Coffee kiosk, grading, flatwork, trenching – *Apr 2023* – \$78,000
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## Current / In-Progress Projects

- **Fence – Recycling Center** – Contract: \$388,724 – *May 1, 2025 to Jul 30, 2025* – In progress
- **City Service Center Paving** – Contract: \$594,876 – *Jun 30, 2025 to Jul 31, 2025* – In progress
- **Red Stage (City of Fontana)** – Site improvements – Contract: \$244,400 – *May 15, 2025 to Jul 31, 2025* – In progress