



WILLETT HOFMANN
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ENGINEERING ARCHITECTURE LAND SURVEYING

March 15, 2012

Ms. Kathy Cooper, Water/WRP Superintendent
Rochelle Municipal Utilities
P.O. Box 456
Rochelle, Illinois 61068

Re: South Main Street and Fourth Avenue
Watermain Replacement
WHA No. 1317D11
Bid Summary

Dear Kathy:

Proposals for the South Main Street and Fourth Avenue Watermain Replacement project were received and opened on March 15, 2012 at 10:00 A.M. at the Rochelle City Council chambers. Eight (8) proposals were received.

No addendum was issued prior to the bid opening. All proposals were submitted with the required bid security. The proposals were reviewed for completeness and read aloud. A tabulation of all the bids, including a listing of items to be submitted with the proposal, was later verified. A certified copy of the bid tabulation is attached for your information.

BIDDING IRREGULARITIES

N-Trak Group LLC's bid total was incorrect. The correct bid total when adding all the bid items is \$222,000.78, which increased their bid by \$22,000.00.

Martin & Company Excavating had an incorrect total for the Tracer Wire Access Box bid item. The correct total was \$1,200.00, not \$200.00 as indicated on their bid. However their bid total was correct when we used the corrected total for the Tracer Wire Access Box.

Fischer Excavating, Inc. used their own bid schedule form in their bid, and several of the bid item descriptions did not match the bid schedule we provided in the bidding documents.

SUMMARY OF BIDS

The low bid of \$199,140.50 was \$18,653.50 and 8.6% under our estimate of \$217,794.00. A tabulation of all the bids comparing them to our estimate in dollars and percentages is as follows:

CONTRACTOR	BID	\$ Over/Under Estimate	\$ Over/Under Estimate
Stenstrom Excavation & Blacktop Group Rockford, Illinois	\$199,140.50	\$18,653.50 ↓	8.6% ↓
Fischer Excavating, Inc. Freeport, Illinois	\$202,546.81	\$15,247.19 ↓	7.0% ↓
L.A. Sites, Inc. Frankfort, Illinois	\$211,179.70	\$ 6,614.30 ↓	3.0% ↓
Northern Illinois Service Company Rockford, Illinois	\$214,989.90	\$ 2,804.10 ↓	1.3% ↓
Go Excavating, Inc. Freeport, Illinois	\$217,970.00	\$ 176.00 ↑	0.08% ↑
N-Trak Group LLC Roscoe, Illinois	\$222,000.78	\$ 4,206.78 ↑	1.9% ↑
Martin & Company Excavating Oregon, Illinois	\$233,136.48	\$15,342.48 ↑	7.0% ↑
Elliott & Wood, Inc. DeKalb, Illinois	\$284,470.43	\$66,676.43 ↑	30.6% ↑

PROJECT AWARD

The bids were very competitive with four bidders below our estimate and only \$3,406.31 separating the low bidder and the second bidder. Therefore, we recommend that the City award the contract to Stenstrom Excavation & Blacktop Group, 2422 Center Street, Rockford, IL 61108 for their low bid of \$199,140.50.

Please feel free to call if you have any questions, or we are willing to meet with you at your convenience to discuss the bid award in more detail.

Sincerely,

WILLETT, HOFMANN & ASSOCIATES, INC.

BY 

Matt Hansen, P.E.

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Encl.

cc: Joanne Peters, RMU Administrative Assistant w/ encl.
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