



WILLETT HOFMANN
& ASSOCIATES INC
ENGINEERING ARCHITECTURE LAND SURVEYING

November 2, 2012

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

Re: Lakeview Lift Station Modifications
Vacuum Prime Lift Station Equipment
Award Recommendation
WHA No. 1089D12

Dear Kathy:

Proposals for the Lakeview Lift Station Modifications – Vacuum Prime Lift Station Equipment project were received and opened on September 4, 2012 at 10:00 A.M. at the Rochelle City Council chambers. One (1) proposal was received.

No addendum was issued prior to the bid opening. The one proposal was submitted with the required bid security. The proposal was reviewed for completeness and read aloud. A tabulation of the bid, 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

None.

SUMMARY OF BIDS

The one (1) bid received was from Gasvoda & Associates, Inc. and their low Base Bid was \$77,824.00. No engineer's cost estimate was prepared for this project since it was equipment only. We also accepted two (2) Alternate Bids. Alternate Bid #1 was to furnish a two (2) piece sliding hood cover for the lift station in lieu of the tip up cover. Alternate Bid #2 was to furnish a painted carbon steel base plate in lieu of the stainless steel base plate. A tabulation of all the bids is summarized in the table below.

CONTRACTOR	BASE BID	ALTERNATE BID #1	ALTERNATE BID #2
Gasvoda & Associates, Inc. Calumet City, Illinois	\$77,824.00	\$4,176.00	(-\$4,610.00)

PROJECT AWARD

The project technical specifications listed three (3) equipment manufacturers that would be considered and evaluated based their ability to meet quality and material of construction standards and their proposal cost. The only bid received was from Gasvoda & Associates, Inc. (Gasvoda) and they will be furnishing the Smith & Loveless (S&L) vacuum prime lift station equipment. Gasvoda provided RMU a budget cost for a S&L FX vacuum prime lift station for \$55,000 in June 2011. Gasvoda's original budget cost was a standard pre-engineered S&L FX station. During the design phase for the lift station, we added a stainless steel base plate, the RMU standard Multitrode pump controller and variable frequency drive for each pump. The design changes to the lift station required the lift station to be engineered by S&L in lieu of the pre-engineered standard lift station Gasvoda originally quoted which required more time and money to manufacturer. Also we added to the Base Bid a magnetic flow meter, a primary pressure transducer for level measurement and backup floats.

The Base Bid plus Alternate Bid #1 included Gasvoda's original lift station quote plus the items we added to the project during the design which totaled \$82,000.00. Following a meeting with Gasvoda, RMU and WHA, Gasvoda revised their proposal, which is detailed in the enclosed letter dated October 29, 2012. Their proposal is based on the following changes:

1. The City will purchase the FX vacuum prime lift station directly from S&L and not through their local representative Gasvoda.
2. RMU will supply S&L with the Multitrode pump controller, and S&L will install it in the lift station.
3. Gasvoda will provide S&L with the variable frequency drives for the lift station, and S&L will install them in the lift station.
4. S&L will provide the stainless steel base plate with the lift station.
5. Gasvoda will provide the magnetic flow meter.
6. Gasvoda will provide the startup services for the lift station and flow meter and will mount the digital flow meter recorder in the lift station.
7. The primary pressure transducer for level control has been deleted. RMU will provide the primary level control device for the lift station.

The S&L proposal for furnishing the FX vacuum prime lift station with the stainless steel base plate and installing the RMU supplied Multitrode pump controller and the Gasvoda supplied variable frequency drives is \$60,000.00. The S&L proposal dated October 19, 2012 is enclosed.

The Gasvoda proposal for furnishing the variable frequency drives, magnetic flow meter and providing the startup services for the lift station and magnetic flow meter is \$7,159.00. The Gasvoda proposal dated October 24, 2012 is enclosed.

The new proposals from Gasvoda and S&L are intended to get the project closer to the original budget quote and still incorporate the items added during the design. The combined proposals for Gasvoda and S&L total \$67,159.00 as compared to the Base Bid and Alternate Bid #1 cost of \$82,000.00.

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Therefore, we recommend rejecting the original bid from Gasvoda & Associates, Inc. and awarding a contract to Smith & Loveless to furnish the FX vacuum prime lift station in the amount of \$60,000.00 and awarding a contract to Gasvoda & Associates, Inc. for furnishing the variable frequency drives, magnetic flow meter and the startup services in the amount of \$7,159.00.

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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