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ENGINEERING ARCHITECTURE LAND SURVEYING

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Mr. Joe Orlikowski, Electric Superintendent
Rochelle Municipal Utilities
P.O. Box 456
Rochelle, Illinois 61068

Re: 9th Street Production Building and
Caron Road Peaker Building Asbestos Removal
WHA No. 1178D12

Dear Joe:

The City Council awarded the contract for the 9th Street Production Building and Caron Road Peaker Building Asbestos Removal project to RAMSCO at their City Council meeting on September 11, 2012 for their low bid of \$19,050.00. We sent a transmittal letter notifying RAMSCO of the award along with the contract documents for execution on September 12, 2012. After receiving our letter and the contract documents, Mr. Steve Kastel, President of RAMSCO, contacted us requesting the start date of the contract be moved back due to projects that were on going. After discussing this with you, you indicated that the work would have to be completed by December 15, 2012. However, following my most recent conversation with Mr. Kastel, he stated that additional work has been added to two of his existing contracts and he is unable to complete your project by December 15, 2012 and he will not be executing the contract.

Prior to the bid award, we called Mr. Kastel to discuss his bid since he was significantly lower the next bidder and obtain additional references so we could check on the quality of his work. During our conversation, he never indicated to us that his current work load and schedule was a problem. RAMSCO did provide the City with a Bid Bond in the amount of 5% of his bid, which is \$952.50.

The 2nd low, responsive, responsible bidder was Midwest Service Group of Schererville, Indiana, and their bid was \$49,950.00. We have called Midwest Service Group and have confirmed that their bid price is still acceptable and they would be able to mobilize immediately after the City awards the contract and they execute the contract documents. They also confirmed they can have the work completed by December 15, 2012.

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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