



City of Rochelle

Engineering Department

Memo

To: Dave Plyman, City Manager

CC: Tim Isley, Supt. of Street Division

Curt Ward, Engineering Technician

Chris Frye, Finance Director

Alan Cooper, City Attorney (via council packet)

From: Sam Tesreau - City Engineer

Date: November 7, 2014

Re: Wiscold Drive improvements Sec. No. 10-00107-00-FP
(C-92-027-11 & P-92-011-11)

Encl: (1) Bid tabulation sheet

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1. In late 2010 the City of Rochelle was approved for an IDOT Economic Development Program (EDP) and Truck Access Route Program (TARP) grants to partially fund the widening and improvement of the existing roadway access along Wiscold Drive. This grant was made possible due to the expansion of Sara Lee Corporation in 2009 which provided job creation and/or retention jobs locally and within Illinois. Several agreements have been approved by the City Council since that time and the construction plans and specifications have now been finally approved to allow the City to move forward with bidding of the project so that a contract may be awarded for the Construction by December 31, 2014. This project has been identified as a multi-year capital improvement project and will be funded partly in the current FY 2014-15 FY budget with any remaining construction and other professional services in the FY 2015-2016 budget. The alignment of Wiscold Drive will change on the west end and will now be reconstructed to intersect with Caron Road at the current Steam Plant Rd location. This was due to a conflict with the BP pipeline that would cost nearly \$700,000 to relocate and/or adjust. The new roadway will include a bi directional lane as well as improved pavement to accommodate an increase in the 80,000 LB truck traffic due to the industrial expansions that have been occurring in the immediate local.
 2. The above referenced project was advertised in the Rochelle Newsleader and the IDOT contractors' bulletin #14-43. Bids were publicly opened and read aloud on November 6, 2014 at 10 am for the above referenced project. Several bids were taken out however only three bids were received as follows. The City's Engineering consultant Fehr Graham and Associates has reviewed

the proposals and checked the bid extensions as compared to the “as read” proposals and determined to be as follows:

- Martin and Company Excavating submitted a bid for making the entire improvements in the amount of \$2,516,684.61
- William Charles Electric, LLC submitted a bid for making the entire improvements in the amount of \$3,120,501.50
- Elliott and Wood, Inc. submitted a bid for making the entire improvements in the amount of \$3,225,000.00

Please refer to enclosure (1) for total base bids as submitted by all bidders.

The lowest bid, as submitted by Martin and Company Excavating, is approximately 5% lower than the Engineer’s estimate of cost as prepared by Fehr Graham and Associates. As discussed earlier, the project costs will be funded through the Capital Improvements fund 36-00-86050 which includes a revenue transfer from the Motor Fuel Tax, City Sales Tax and Utility Tax Funds for the local agency portion of the infrastructure construction, Construction Engineering and other related expenses incurred for the project. It is expected that the project will be substantially completed by the end of August 2015.

3. Please consider acceptance of the low bid and award the contract to Martin and Company Excavating for the project known as the City of Rochelle Wiscold Drive improvements project with MFT section #10-00107-00-FP as described herein.