

September 7, 2018

Mayor and City Council
City of Rochelle
420 North 6th Street
Rochelle, IL 61068

RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD

***Subject: City of Rochelle – Water Reclamation Facility
HVAC Procurement***

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

On September 6, 2018, the following bids were received for the heating and ventilation system repair Project at the WRF.

| <u>Bidder</u> | <u>Amount of Bid</u> |
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| Dahme Mechanical, Inc. Arlington Heights, Illinois | \$230,999.99 |
| Complete Mechanical Services, Inc. St. Charles, Illinois | \$237,000.00 |
| R.J. O’Neil Mechanical, Inc. Montgomery, Illinois | \$312,500.00 |

Our pre-bid opinion of probable cost for this Project was \$150,000.

From our discussions with the low bidder, we have determined that our \$150,000 estimate did not adequately account for the work on the existing HVAC controls. The existing controls are pneumatic and have not worked well. Under this Project the pneumatic controls will be replaced with electric controls. It has become clear that we underestimated the magnitude of the controls work. As a result, we conclude that the pricing reflected in the three bids is fair and reasonable. Re-bidding is unlikely to lower the cost. Therefore, we do not recommend that the Project be re-bid.

The City Council reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive technicalities. Unless the Bids are rejected for good cause, award of contract shall be made to the lowest responsible and responsive Bidder.

We have analyzed each of the bids and find Dahme Mechanical, Inc., Arlington Heights, Illinois to be the lowest responsible and responsive Bidder.

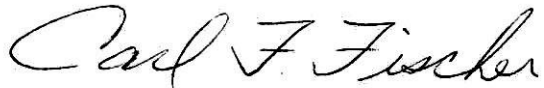
Based upon our familiarity and past working relationships, we believe that Dahme Mechanical, Inc. is qualified to complete the Project.

We recommend award of the Contract to Dahme Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of \$230,999.99.

Please advise us of the City's decision on our recommendation to award to Dahme Mechanical, Inc.

Sincerely,

BAXTER & WOODMAN, INC.
CONSULTING ENGINEERS



Carl F. Fischer, P.E., BCEE

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C: Adam Lanning, Superintendent of Water and Water Reclamation

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