MEMORANDUM

TO: Romin Khavari, City Engineer

THROUGH: George Fanous, P.E., Senior Engineer

FROM: Kevin Jaeger, P.E.

DATE: November 30, 2012

SUBJECT: FY '11/'12 I&I Replacements, W.O.#611.63

On November 28, 2012, bids were opened for the above referenced project. Five (5) contractors submitted bids for this project. All bidders acknowledge receipt of the issued addenda and submitted bid bonds.

The low bidder for this project is Barson Utilities, Inc. based on a total bid of \$1,255,014.00. A summary of the number of bids is provided in the table below:

| Contractor | Total Bid |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| Barson Utilities | \$1,255,014.00 |
| Ark Contracting | \$1,526,533.00 |
| UtiliTex Construction | \$1,559,080.50 |
| Circle C Construction | \$1,590,171.00 |
| Gra-Tex Utilities, Inc. | \$1,717,171.00 |

Minor discrepancies were noted between the bids received and the tabulated bids from Circle C Construction and Gra-Tex Utilities, Inc., but such discrepancies were not enough to change the order nor the outcome of the bid. The low bid was submitted by Barson Utilities, Inc. with a total bid of \$1,255,014.00.

Of the list of references submitted by Barson Utilities, Inc., we have contacted the following references:

On November 30, 2012, I contacted the following references:

Mr. Erick Steitle – City of Dallas, Phone number 214-948-4248. Barson Utilities are more than capable of handling large wastewater projects. Barson did a good job for the City of Dallas. Barson was always available via phone. The City will continue to recommend and use Barson Utilities, Inc.

Mrs. Andrea Rains – City of Arlington, Phone number 817-459-6368 Barson Utilities does good work. Barson Utilities was very responsive. The city will continue to use Barson Utilities, Inc.

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Mr. Luis Bodington, P.E. – City of Dallas, Phone number 214-893-2113 Barson Utilities does very good work. Luis stated the he would continue to use and recommend Barson Utilities, Inc.

Previous City of Grand Prairie Experience:

Downtown Main Street Drainage Project - Project Manager: Paul Hackelman, P.E.

FY '10/'11 Water Main Replacements – Project Manager: Kevin Jaeger, P.E. Evaluation by Project Manager: Barson Utilities did a good job for the City of Grand Prairie.

FY '11/'12 Wastewater Main Replacements – Project Manager: Kevin Jaeger, P.E. Evaluation by Project Manager: Barson Utilities is extremely responsive and is doing a good job for the City of Grand Prairie.

Based on the above information, we recommend award of the total bid for \$1,255,014.00 submitted by Barson Utilities, Inc. as the **low bidder for the subject project.**

Reference Lists for Barson Utilities, Inc. as well as the bid tabulations, organizational chart and detailed Financial Statements are attached.

Attachments

cc: Bill Crolley, Director of Planning & Development Ron McCuller, Director of Public Works Doug Bevins, Chief Engineering Inspector Maxine Snow, Administrative Supervisor R:\AAA PROJECTS\FY11 I&I Replacements\Correspondence\Letter of Recommendation 11-30-2012.doc