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**Subject: City of Margate Watermain Improvements  
Phase 2B Royal Palm Boulevard & US-441 Intersection**

Ms. Fonseca:

The City of Margate received the bidding results for the 2024-014 Water Main Improvements Phase 2B – Royal Palm Blvd & US-441 Intersection on August 29, 2024. The lowest bidder was identified as Pabon Engineering, Inc. (Pabon). Chen Moore and Associates (CMA) has contacted all the client references that Pabon provided in the original bid submittal. References included utility projects throughout South Florida for various clients:

- Reference #1 – Miami Dade Public Works
  - Contact A: George Gregory, Construction Manager
  - Contact B: Felipe Monteagudo, Construction Manager
- Reference #2 – Miami Dade Water and Sewer Department
  - Contact A: Alexis Valdes, Project Manager
  - Contact B: Yamiris Battle, Construction Manager
- Reference #3 – City of Coral Springs
  - Contact: Najla Zerrouki, Assistant Director of Public Works

References contacted responded with the following information:

	<b>Contract Amount</b>	<b>Pipe Installation</b>	<b>Change Orders</b>	<b>Communication Rating</b>	<b>Project on Time</b>	<b>Overall Rating (1 to 5)</b>
<b>Reference #1A</b>	\$888,585	Drainage Improvements	Unforeseen Conditions	Good	Yes	5
<b>Reference #1B</b>	\$574,856	Drainage Improvements	Unforeseen Conditions	Good	Yes	5
<b>Reference #2A</b>	\$695,000 & \$4,582,710	Drainage, Gravity & Force Main	Unforeseen Conditions	Good	Yes	4
<b>Reference #2B</b>	\$1,443,562	12" Watermain Improvements	Unforeseen Conditions	Good	Yes	5
<b>Reference #3</b>	\$675,000	Force Main Replacement	Owner requested	Good	Yes	5

Pabon appears to have worked successfully with various municipalities across South Florida based on the references provided. All references expressed a positive experience working with Pabon and indicated their projects ended both on time and within budget. Change orders encountered were due to unforeseen conditions or owner requested changes. Reference #3 stated Pabon was very accommodating with owner requested changes to the project and was very responsive. All references confirmed they experienced

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overall good communication with Pabon. However, Reference #2A mentioned field crews could improve public coordination and notice distribution to minimize resident concerns. Reference #1B highlighted how their project finished ahead of schedule and closeout documentation, including as-builts, were submitted timely. Reference #2B informed their project was highly complicated due to the location within Downtown Miami, yet similarly described how as-builts were submitted on time accordingly.

CMA compared the unit prices listed in all bids submitted by each contractor for this project. Significant differences or outliers in the unit prices were not observed in the submittal from Pabon.

Upon reviewing all reference information received, CMA recommends Pabon Engineering, Inc. to perform the construction of the improvements defined in the scope of the 2024-014 Water Main Improvements Phase 2B – Royal Palm Blvd & US-441 Intersection for the total base bid amount of \$650,000.00.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at +1 (954) 691-2460, or send me an electronic message at [jdiaz@chenmoore.com](mailto:jdiaz@chenmoore.com).

Respectfully submitted,

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Attached: Bid Results Summary

