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May 22, 2015

Mr. Kelly McAtee, P.E.
Engineering Manager
City Of Margate Dept. of Environmental & Eng. Services
901 NW 66th Avenue, Suite A

**RE: Lift station # 22 Bid Opening of May 20th, 2015
Bid Evaluation & Recommendation
CAS Project NO. 08-1477D**

Dear Kelly,

Craig A. Smith & Associates (CAS) has performed its review of the three (3) lowest bid proposals received on May 20th 2015, for this lift station renovation project. Our review included the tabulated bid comparison (attached) and evaluation of the bid forms for completeness. In addition we contacted the references of the three lowest bidders and conducted a 10 question survey which evaluated their previous projects please see the attached surveys for each Corporation.

The bid results for the three apparent low bidders from the bid opening are as follows:

Foster Marine Contractors, Inc.	\$597,675.00
T.V. Diversified	\$668,335.00
Fitsaw Construction, LLC	\$1,735,161.25

The apparent low bidder at the bid opening was Fitsaw Construction Company however after analyzing their bid results it's apparent they are not the low bidder but rather the highest bidder. Fitsaw Construction made a two mistakes in their bid form .The first was that they did not add up there numbers correctly which resulted in a new total of \$615,854.25 except they made an error on bid item numbers 20, 21, 22, and 24 in which they mistakenly inserted their total bid item amount on both the unit cost line as well as on the total bid line for each of these items. The bid documents clearly states on the top of the bid form on page A-13 the following:

The bidder understand that the extended total for each and every item is the result of multiplying the quantity times the unit cost stated in figures. Any discrepancy between the unit and total, the unit prevails.

Based on our review and as indicated on the attached bid results spread sheet for these three bidders we have checked and revised any of the math errors and multiplied the four bid items in Fitsaws bid by their indicated unit costs which results in placing them into last place with a corrected bid total now of \$1,735,161.25.

In addition T.V. Diversified neglected to add the allowance and the cost of indemnification to their total bid amount which is now indicated on the bid comparison spread sheet with a revised total of \$668,335.00.

The apparent low bidder on this project is Foster Marine Contractors with their bid total of \$597,675.00. We have verified that Foster Marine Contractors Inc. has satisfactorily completed similar projects in the past; please see the attached references questionnaires.

Upon your selection and approval, CAS will contact the contractor and issue the Notice of Award. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,

CRAIG A. SMITH & ASSOCIATES



Greg Giarratana
Senior Supervising Engineer

Enclosures

cc Gene R. Schriener, CAS
File – 14-1756

City Of Margate L.S.# 22 Renovation – Contractor's reference checks

Contractor Name: Foster Marine Contractors, Inc...

DATE: 5-21-15

Reference Called: Ronald Desbrues @ City of Oakland Park

Phone number: 954-630-4482

Project Description: Lift Station # 1, 2, 5, & 7 Upgrades

On a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being the best and 1 being the worst (or N/A if the question does not apply), please rate the contractor in regards to the following:

1. How satisfied are you with the work performed 4.5
2. Work completed on time 4
3. Project management 5
4. Compliance efforts with applicable Federal, State, or local permits issued to the project? N.A.
5. Dealing with permitting agency compliance staff N.A.
6. Handling of (known or unknown) utilities 5
7. Ability to maintain a clean operation during the course of the project 4.5
8. Efforts in the implementation and management of the project's maintenance of traffic (MO) 4.5
9. Dealing with the public involvement 4.5
10. Were there change order(s) on the project? If so, describe the nature of the change order YES (5)

City Of Margate L.S.# 22 Renovation – Contractor's reference checks

Contractor Name: Foster Marine Contractors, Inc...

DATE: 5-21-15

Reference Called: Monica Morano @ Lake Worth

Phone number: 561-586-1798

Project Description: Wet Pit / Dry Pit Lift station conversion

On a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being the best and 1 being the worst (or N/A if the question does not apply), please rate the contractor in regards to the following:

1. How satisfied are you with the work performed 5
2. Work completed on time 5
3. Project management 4
4. Compliance efforts with applicable Federal, State, or local permits issued to the project? N.A.
5. Dealing with permitting agency compliance staff N.A.
6. Handling of (known or unknown) utilities 5
7. Ability to maintain a clean operation during the course of the project 5
8. Efforts in the implementation and management of the project's maintenance of traffic (MOT) 5
9. Dealing with the public involvement 4
10. Were there change order(s) on the project? If so, describe the nature of the change order YES (5)

City Of Margate L.S.# 22 Renovation – Contractor’s reference checks

Contractor Name: **Foster Marine Contractors, Inc.**

DATE: 5-21-15

Reference Called: Mike Gleman @ PBC Utilities

Phone number: 561-493-6144

Project Description: Well field, pipe line, directional bore & road work

On a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being the best and 1 being the worst (or N/A if the question does not apply), please rate the contractor in regards to the following:

1. How satisfied are you with the work performed 5
2. Work completed on time 5
3. Project management 5
4. Compliance efforts with applicable Federal, State, or local permits issued to the project? 5
5. Dealing with permitting agency compliance staff 5
6. Handling of (known or unknown) utilities 5
7. Ability to maintain a clean operation during the course of the project 5
8. Efforts in the implementation and management of the project’s maintenance of traffic (MO) 5
9. Dealing with the public involvement 5
10. Were there change order(s) on the project? If so, describe the nature of the change order YES (5)

City Of Margate L.S.# 22 Renovation – Contractor's reference checks

Contractor Name: T.V.Diversified

DATE: 5-21-15

Reference Called: Darrel Blom @ City of Lantana Utilities

Phone number: 561-540-5750

Project Description: Three Lift stations Rehabed

On a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being the best and 1 being the worst (or N/A if the question does not apply), please rate the contractor in regards to the following:

1. How satisfied are you with the work performed 5
2. Work completed on time 5
3. Project management 4
4. Compliance efforts with applicable Federal, State, or local permits issued to the project? N.A.
5. Dealing with permitting agency compliance staff N.A.
6. Handling of (known or unknown) utilities 5
7. Ability to maintain a clean operation during the course of the project 5
8. Efforts in the implementation and management of the project's maintenance of traffic (MOT) 5
9. Dealing with the public involvement N.A.
10. Were there change order(s) on the project? If so, describe the nature of the change order YES (5)

City Of Margate L.S.# 22 Renovation – Contractor’s reference checks

Contractor Name: T.V. Diversified

DATE: 5-21-15

Reference Called: Chuck Grant @PBC Utilities

Phone number: 561-307-6745

Project Description: Lift station rehab

On a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being the best and 1 being the worst (or N/A if the question does not apply), please rate the contractor in regards to the following:

1. How satisfied are you with the work performed 5
2. Work completed on time 5
3. Project management 5
4. Compliance efforts with applicable Federal, State, or local permits issued to the project? N.A.
5. Dealing with permitting agency compliance staff N.A.
6. Handling of (known or unknown) utilities 5
7. Ability to maintain a clean operation during the course of the project 5
8. Efforts in the implementation and management of the project's maintenance of traffic (MOT) 5
9. Dealing with the public involvement 5
10. Were there change order(s) on the project? If so, describe the nature of the change order YES (5)

City Of Margate L.S.# 22 Renovation – Contractor’s reference checks

Contractor Name: Fitsaw Construction .

DATE: 5-21-15

Reference Called: Jeff Feng @ City of Hollywood

Phone number: 954-921-3930 Ext # 8118

Project Description: Lift Station W-15 Upgrades

On a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being the best and 1 being the worst (or N/A if the question does not apply), please rate the contractor in regards to the following:

1. How satisfied are you with the work performed 5
2. Work completed on time 3
3. Project management 4
4. Compliance efforts with applicable Federal, State, or local permits issued to the project? 5
5. Dealing with permitting agency compliance staff 5
6. Handling of (known or unknown) utilities 3
7. Ability to maintain a clean operation during the course of the project 4
8. Efforts in the implementation and management of the project's maintenance of traffic (MOT) N.A.
9. Dealing with the public involvement N.A.
10. Were there change order(s) on the project? If so, describe the nature of the change order YES (4)

City Of Margate L.S.# 22 Renovation – Contractor's reference checks

Contractor Name: **Fitsaw Construction**

DATE: 5-21-15

Reference Called: George Kawczyk @ City of North Lauderdale

Phone number: 954-724-7070

Project Description: East Accelator Blasting & Painting

On a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being the best and 1 being the worst (or N/A if the question does not apply), please rate the contractor in regards to the following:

1. How satisfied are you with the work performed 4
2. Work completed on time 4
3. Project management 4
4. Compliance efforts with applicable Federal, State, or local permits issued to the project? N.A.
5. Dealing with permitting agency compliance staff N.A.
6. Handling of (known or unknown) utilities N.A.
7. Ability to maintain a clean operation during the course of the project 4
8. Efforts in the implementation and management of the project's maintenance of traffic (MOT) N.A.
9. Dealing with the public involvement N.A.
10. Were there change order(s) on the project? If so, describe the nature of the change order YES (4)