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City of Margate
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**Subject: City of Margate – Southgate Boulevard and Rock Island Road Force Main
Bid No. 2018-005 – Bid Evaluation**

Dear Mr. Ajayi,

Chen Moore and Associates (CMA) has conducted a review of the lowest bid received on October 4th, 2018 for the Southgate Boulevard and Rock Island Road Force Main – Bid No. 2018-005. The lowest bidder is R.P Utility & Excavation Corp. with a total bid of \$949,999.98.

The bid evaluation indicates that unit costs for five bid items are lower in comparison with the second and third lowest bids received and the engineer's cost estimate. Those items are as follows:

Line item No. 4: Furnish and Install 12" DIP Force Main Via Open Cut at \$61.00/LF.

Line item No. 5: Furnish and Install 12" HDPE (SDR11) DIP Force Main Pipe Via Horizontal Directional Drill at \$65.00/LF.

Line item No. 6: Furnish and Install 12" HDPE (SDR11) DIP Force Main Pipe Via Horizontal Directional Drill from 60+50 to 63+80 – SFWMD C-14 Canal at \$64.00/LF.

Line item No. 15: Furnish and Install External Restraints on Existing Force Main at \$1,000.00/LS.

Line item No. 27: Existing Irrigation System Restoration at \$100.08/LS.

Except for the line items mentioned above, the bid prices for the line items seem to be in line with corresponding bids and the engineer's estimate. In general, CMA considers that the total bid cost provided is reasonable.

The references submitted by the contractor were verified as part of the bid evaluation. The reference check performed included questions verifying type of work completed and contractor performance during the project. A total of two references were verified and positive feedback was obtained.

In conclusion, R.P Utility & Excavation Corp. was identified as the lowest bidder, received good reviews from references interviewed, and submitted fair and reasonable bid prices. CMA recommends award of this contract to R.P Utility & Excavation Corp.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paula 3', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

CHEN MOORE AND ASSOCIATES
Paula Fonseca, P.E.
Senior Engineer