

April 5, 2013

Todd Merchen, P.E.
City of Gillette
201 E. 5th Street
P.O. Box 3003
Gillette, WY 82717-3003

RE: PMS 2013 Schedule C
Project No. 12EN28 MMI# 4323.026

Dear Mr. Merchen:

Morrison-Maierle, Inc. (MMI) has reviewed the six bids received at 2:30 p.m. on April 2, 2013 for the PMS 2013 Schedule C Project, which included three, separate bidding components: the Base Bid, Additive Alternative 1 and Additive Alternative 2.

The following Contractors submitted bids:

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| • Powder River Construction, Inc. | Gillette, WY |
| • DRM, Inc. | Gillette, WY |
| • ICM | Gillette, WY |
| • Hot Iron, Inc. | Gillette, WY |
| • Black Cat Construction, LLC | Gillette, WY |
| • Mountain View Building, Inc. | Sheridan, WY |

There were several minor errors discovered within the bids, but MMI considers all six responsive bids.

ICM, DRM, Inc., and PRC, Inc., submitted the electronic provided Bid Form, but neglected to submit the compact disc that was supplied by the Engineer, as required by Article 15.03 of Section 00200 Instructions to Bidders. However, contractors that utilized the QuestCDN would not have received a compact disc. Additionally, PRC, Inc., neglected to sign and date each page of the Bid Form, which is also required by the aforementioned article. These minor errors led MMI to classify each bid as informal. However, these bids appeared to meet all other requirements, and MMI does not recommend rejecting these bids.

The bid received from Black Cat Construction, LLC, contained two reconcilable arithmetic errors. The Contractor listed an incorrect total price for the bid item SP-02665.28 Install 4" Rigid Foam Board Insulation on the Base Bid. The Engineer corrected the total price by multiplying the Contractor's unit price of \$4.50 by the estimated bid quantity of 340 SF. The new, adjusted total price for this bid item raised the Total Base Bid \$210.00 to \$863,606.50. The Contractor also listed an incorrect total price for Bid Item 02665.0108 Install 8" Water Main on the Additive Alternative 2 Bid. The Engineer corrected the total price by multiplying the Contractor's unit price of \$32.00 by the estimated bid quantity of 930 LF. The new, adjusted total price for this bid item raised the total price of Additive Alternative 2 \$60 to \$110,482.00.

The bid submitted by Mountain View Building, Inc. had a discrepancy in the total price of Additive Alternative 2. The total price shown in figures is \$114,488.00, while the words describe the figure \$144,488.00. Per Article 14.01 of Section 00200 Instructions to Bidders, discrepancies between words and figures shall be resolved in favor of the words, causing the total price of Additive Alternative 2 to raise \$30,000 to \$144,488. Although the difference is substantial, the bid appeared to meet all other requirements and was accepted as informal.

The Bid submitted by Hot Iron, Inc., appeared to meet all requirements and contain no errors.

None of the mathematical corrections changed the lowest bidder.

Base Bid

The Work included in the Base Bid consists of installing approximately 1693 LF of 6", 8" and 12" PVC waterline; 900 LF of 18", 24" and 30" RCP storm drain; and 6700 SY of 6" asphaltic concrete paving. Bids received for this Work are as follows:

CONTRACTOR	BASE BID
DRM	\$ 800,096.75
PRC	\$ 803,271.50
ICM	\$ 811,863.00
NORTHSTAR	\$ 865,121.34
BLACK CAT	\$ 863,396.50
MOUNTAIN VIEW BUILDERS	\$ 883,625.00
ENGINEER	\$ 1,052,306.50

As the table shows, DRM, Inc., submitted the lowest Base Bid. However, per SP-1 of the Special Provisions, the Contract may be awarded by the Total Base Bid and selected Additive Alternatives.

Additive Alternative 1

The Work included in Additive Alternative 1 consists of installing approximately 7210 SY of 8" Aggregate Base with Asphalt Millings, which, if selected, would replace bid item 02231.0108 8" Aggregate Base in the Base Bid. Bids received for this Work are as follows:

CONTRACTOR	ADDITIVE ALTERNATIVE 1	BASE BID ITEM (02231.0108 8" AGGREGATE)	SAVINGS BY INCLUDING ADD. ALT. 1	BASE BID + ADDITIVE ALTERNATIVE 1
PRC	\$ 64,890.00	\$ 82,915.00	\$ 18,025.00	\$ 785,246.50
DRM	\$ 83,636.00	\$ 89,764.50	\$ 6,128.50	\$ 793,968.25
ICM	\$ 72,100.00	\$ 79,310.00	\$ 7,210.00	\$ 804,653.00
NORTHSTAR	\$ 60,852.40	\$ 88,683.00	\$ 27,830.60	\$ 837,290.74
BLACK CAT	\$ 93,730.00	\$ 93,730.00	\$ -	\$ 863,396.50
MOUNTAIN VIEW BUILDERS	\$ 70,658.00	\$ 93,730.00	\$ 23,072.00	\$ 860,553.00
ENGINEER	\$ 86,520.00	\$ 115,360.00	\$ 28,840.00	\$ 1,023,466.50



There was no increase in cost to the project to perform Additive Alternative 1. In fact, five of the six bidders showed a cost savings by including Additive Alternative 1, while the other bidder showed no change in price. For this reason, we recommend that Additive Alternative 1 be awarded in conjunction with the Base Bid.

PRC, Inc., is the low bidder on the combined Base Bid and Additive Alternative 1.

Additive Alternative 2

The Work included in Additive Alternative 2 consists of installing approximately 975 LF of 6" and 8" PVC waterline, and 190 LF of 8" sanitary sewer. Bids received for this Work are as follows:

CONTRACTOR	ADDITIVE ALTERNATIVE 2	BASE BID + ADDITIVE ALTERNATIVE 1 + ADDITIVE ALTERNATIVE 2
PRC	\$ 103,930.00	\$ 889,176.50
DRM	\$ 105,068.05	\$ 899,036.30
ICM	\$ 95,083.00	\$ 899,736.00
NORTHSTAR	\$ 114,849.15	\$ 952,139.89
BLACK CAT	\$ 110,422.00	\$ 973,818.50
MOUNTAIN VIEW BUILDERS	\$ 144,488.00	\$ 1,005,041.00
ENGINEER	\$ 130,416.00	\$ 1,153,882.50

PRC, Inc., is the low bidder on the combined Base Bid, Additive Alternative 1, and Additive Alternative 2. The bid received was \$889,176.50, approximately 23% lower than the Engineer's Estimate.

With the range and quantity of bids, it is our opinion that the bids received were highly competitive.

Based on this bid, we recommend awarding the Base Bid and Additive Alternative 1 Contract for the PMS 2013 Schedule C Project to PRC, Inc. in the amount of \$785,246.50, contingent upon City of Gillette funds.

It is our opinion that the Bids received for Additive Alternative 2 were also very competitive, and the City should consider awarding it as well, contingent upon City of Gillette funds. If awarded, PRC, Inc., would be the low bidder for the combination of the Base Bid, Additive Alternative 1, and Additive Alternative 2 as well in the amount of \$889,176.50.

We have also attached the official bid tabulation. Please review and let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

MORRISON-MAIERLE, INC.
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Project Engineer