

◇ May 10, 2013

Mr. Kurt Siebenaler
City Engineer
City of Gillette
P.O. Box 3003
Gillette, WY 82717



**Re: Ash Meadows Park
Project No. 13EN03**

Dear Mr. Siebenaler:

Bids for the above project were received at the City of Gillette Purchasing Office until 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 8th, 2013 at which time they were opened and read aloud. The following bids were submitted for consideration:

Bidder	Base Bid	Base Bid + Alt. 1
S & S Builders, LLC	\$ 302,791.80	\$ 314,696.80
DRM, Inc.	\$ 340,965.80	\$ 355,245.80
PRC	\$ 334,580.00	\$ 350,885.00
Hladky Construction, Inc.	\$ 310,369.31	\$ 326,391.31
Michael's Construction, Inc.	\$ 361,825.82	\$ 377,151.02

The Engineer's opinion of probable construction costs, as prepared by KLJ, was estimated at \$262,945.25 for the Base Bid and \$268,745.25 with Alternate 1 for field turf irrigation.

The Bid Form from Michael's Construction was incomplete as the addendum was not acknowledged. There was also a calculation error on their bid form underneath the bid item 24" Subgrade Processing (Basketball Court) increasing the total of their base bid along with their base bid plus alternate 1.

Review of the submitted bids found no other formal or informal bid discrepancies. This confirmed S & S Builders, LLC, the low bidder with a base bid price of \$302,791.80 and \$314,696.80 for the base bid including the alternate for field turf irrigation.



Bid Price Comparison

A bid tabulation of comparable unit pricing is attached. The largest disparity in pricing between the Engineer's opinion of probable cost and the low bidder is found in the following bid items:

- Install Sprinkler System
- Install Playground Equipment
- Install Engineered Wood Fiber
- Install Concrete Sidewalk with Thickened Edge (4")
- Install Concrete Playground Edger

The total difference between the bid of S & S Builders, LLC and the Engineer's opinion of probable cost for these bid items is \$38,847.50.

The bid items Install Sprinkler System, Install Engineered Wood Fiber, and Install Sodding provided the greatest separation between S & S Builders, LLC low bid and that of the second lowest bidder, Hladky Construction, Inc. The bid of S & S Builders, LLC is low due to consistently being low, or near the low end of the price range, on the majority of bid items in comparison to the other bids submitted.

Recommendation

The project was discussed with Jason Tystad of S & S Builders, LLC and he has confirmed that they are comfortable with their bid. Based on an earmarked budget in place by the City using 1% sales tax dollars, it is our recommendation that the City of Gillette award the project to S & S Builders, LLC with the base bid amount of \$302,791.80 with the Alternate 1 – Field Turf Irrigation being installed at a later time. However, KLJ will defer to the City's legal council for final determination.

Sincerely,

KLJ

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Liz Hunter'.

Liz Hunter, PE
Project Manager