

April 2, 2014

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City of Gillette
Engineering Department
P.O. Box 3003
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**RE: PMS 2014 - Schedule B
Project No. 14EN09**

Dear Josh,

Bids were received at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 1, 2014 for the above referenced project. A total of four (4) contractors submitted bids. There was one (1) addendum for this project and it was acknowledged on all bids. Proper Bid Security in the form of a Bid Bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid amounts was included with all bids as well as the "Certificate of Residency Status."

The project was bid with two (2) alternate bid options but it was intended the project be awarded off of the Base Bid amounts. Then, after award, if the Owner so desired, one of the alternate options could be change ordered into the contract.

A minor informality, an incorrect Addendum Date of 3-27-14, was identified on the Bid Form submitted by Powder River Construction. However, the minor informality does not affect the outcome of the Bid. There were no mathematical errors found with the bids. All the bids were submitted on the electronic bid form. The bids are tabulated as follows:

Intermountain Construction & Materials	Total	\$1,256,143.50 (Base) \$40,592.00 (Alt. 1) \$36,464.00 (Alt. 2)
Simon Contractors	Total	\$1,083,231.50 (Base) \$29,584.00 (Alt. 1) \$29,584.00 (Alt. 2)
Mountain View Builders	Total	\$1,659,883.00 (Base) \$58,480.00 (Alt. 1) \$68,800.00 (Alt. 2)
Powder River Construction	Total	\$1,367,885.75 (Base) \$75,680.00 (Alt. 1) \$68,800.00 (Alt. 2)
Engineer's Estimate	Total	\$1,175,852.29 (Base)

QUALITY

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The bidders are local contractors and have worked on similar projects throughout the region and for the City of Gillette. Simon Contractors has indicated they are comfortable with their bid and that they have the equipment, materials, and manpower to complete your project in the time frame allowed and in accordance with the contract documents.

A bid tabulation form with the comparable unit pricing and totals is attached. The low bid is 7.9% below the Engineer's Estimate and 19.3% below the average of the bids. The unit prices seen in the bids have little consistency and a significant gap is consistently seen between the high unit price and low unit price. The high unit price regularly exceeds the low unit price by over 100% of the low unit price. However, the low unit prices are distributed among the bidders. The majority of the total price difference occurred under the **"Excavation and Embankment"** and the **"Plant Mix Pavements"** headings.

The low bidder has met the requirements for bidding. I recommend the City of Gillette award the PMS 2014 Schedule B project to the low bidder, Simon Contractors, in the amount of \$1,083,231.50.

If you have any questions concerning this evaluation, please do not hesitate to contact me at (307) 687-0600, or e-mail at antonichl@pcaengsur.com.

Sincerely,

PCA Engineering, Inc.

Luke Antonich, P.E.
Project Engineer

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Attachments: Bid Tabulation Form
Contractor Bids