



August 22, 2014

Mr. Jade Butler
Project Manager
City of Gillette
201 East 5th Street
Gillette, WY 82717

RE: Maple Avenue Culvert Replacement Project Bid Award Recommendation

Dear Mr. Butler,

HDR has reviewed the bid forms and bid bonds submitted for the above referenced project. The original bids and bid tabulation sheet are attached for your use.

Three Contractors submitted responsive bids on August 20, 2014 including S&S Builders LLC, Powder River Construction, Inc., and Hladky Construction, Inc. All bids were submitted on time and had the required Bid Bond. All bids were from resident contractors and included a Residency Certificate. There was one Addendum which was acknowledged by all bidders. During our bid evaluation, there were no discrepancies found with the bid requirements as outlined in the Instructions to Bidders for S&S Builders LLC and Powder River Construction, Inc. Hladky Construction, Inc. did not provide documentation of authority to sign the bid form, no other discrepancies were found.

The bids for the project were as follows:

The Engineer's Estimate was	\$ 417,340.00
The low bidder was S&S Builders at:	\$ 414,445.50
The second low bidder was Powder River Construction, Inc. at:	\$ 478,973.00
The third low bidder was Hladky Construction, Inc. at:	\$ 485,960.15

The results indicate the low bid was 0.69% under the Engineer's Estimate. The Engineer's Estimate was assembled using the project quantities and average unit prices from past projects of similar type and size in the City and surrounding area. Additionally, HDR contacted box culvert suppliers and local Gillette paving and underground contractors about their suggestions on what prices could be expected for this type of work. They indicated that prices may be higher due to the amount of work in their backlogs. The engineers estimate was assembled accordingly, and upon comparison with the low bidder, the two key areas that the contractor's bid was significantly higher were the Concrete Box Culverts and Dewatering items.

HDR contacted bidders to inquire about these specific items and found a general explanation on the Dewatering was that costs were added to account for risks associated with the high groundwater level and possibility of spring construction if fall construction is not possible due to delivery time for the box culverts. The increased price for the box culverts is due to the WYDOT review requirements that were added in Addendum 1.

S&S Builders LLC has been contacted and is comfortable with their bid. Based on the above evaluation, HDR recommends that the City of Gillette award the project to S&S Builders for the Base Bid amount of \$ 414,445.50 if adequate funds are available for the project.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this recommendation, please call.

Sincerely,
HDR Engineering

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Oakley", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mike Oakley, P.E.
Project Manager

Attachments: Bid Tabulation and Bid Packages from S&S Builders LLC, Powder River Construction, Inc., and Hladky Construction, Inc.