



April 14, 2015

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Subject: Gillette Madison Pipeline Phase III Rehabilitation Project – Bid Results

Dear Levi:

This letter is in regards to the Bid Opening for this project. We only received one bid, which was from QualCorr Engineering Corporation of Castle Rock, CO for \$794,954. This amount was \$100,000+ higher than anticipated. A second bid was disqualified as non-responsive. This project has been in the works for a long time as coordination with the new 42-inch pipeline took place, so the proposed cathodic protection system affects both the existing Madison pipeline and the one being constructed.

We have two options:

- Award to QualCorr at this cost (if we agree that they are otherwise an acceptable contractor).
- Rebid the project.

Considerations regarding rebidding:

- We had a relatively short time frame allowed for this bid, and this could have contributed to only the one bid.
- We allowed contractors to have a delayed start for construction since we expected they may be busy, so schedule wise, we should be able rebid.
- Will we get contractors to bid that did not bid the first time? We sent out the notice of this project to three contractors that perform this type of work, but none of them ended up bidding. We've been told by two of them that the timing wasn't right but they are interested and would like submit a bid if we rebid the project.

So when considering this bid amount and that it appears rebidding will result in an additional bid or two, we recommend that the City of Gillette rebid this project. We'd be glad to work with you on this task if you agree, so we will need to coordinate new dates.

Please contact me if you'd like to discuss this matter.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

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Dayton Alsaker, PE

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