



July 16, 2015

Mr. Todd Merchen, P.E.
Civil Engineer – Project Manager
City of Gillette
201 East 5th Street
Gillette, WY 82717

Project: Third Street Plaza Project, 15EN08

RE: Bid Award Recommendation

Dear Mr. Merchen,

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.

There were three responsive bids submitted on June 25th 2015, including Powder River Construction (PRC), S&S Builders LLC., and DRM Inc. All bids were submitted on time and had the required Bid Bond. All bids were submitted from a resident contractor and included a Residency Certificate. There were two Addendums which were acknowledged by all bidders. During our bid evaluation, there were no discrepancies found with the bid requirements as outlined in the Instructions to Bidders.

The bids for the project ranked as follows:

The Engineer's Estimate was	\$ 1,197,162.75
The low bidder was PRC at:	\$ 1,032,646.90
The second low bidder was S&S Builders at:	\$ 1,361,978.45
The third low bidder was DRM at:	\$ 1,507,997.75

The results indicate the low bid was 13.7% below 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 utilized pricing from the previous year Gillette Avenue Project as well as contacted local Gillette paving and underground contractors about their suggestions on what prices could be expected on a specialized project such as this one. The engineers estimate was assembled accordingly, and bid opening results generally indicate what was expected. The main source of separation between bidders was the

electrical section of the bid form. PRC's total cost to complete the electrical work is significantly less than what is shown on both S&S Builders' and DRM's bids.

HDR contacted bidders to inquire about this differential and found that PRC utilized a different electrical subcontractor than the other two bidders. They have reviewed quotes internally that were provided by separate electrical subcontractors and are comfortable and confident with the unit prices provided.

Powder River Construction has been contacted and are comfortable with their bid. They have worked on many projects for the City of Gillette and have performed quality work. HDR has recently performed successful revitalization / beautification project in the Town of Wright with PRC and maintains a good working relationship with them.

Based on the above evaluation and understanding the funding available, HDR recommends that the City of Gillette proceed with the attached Proposal from Powder River Construction dated 7/15/15 with a total bid reduction amount of \$ (122,860.00); it is recommended that the project be awarded to Powder River Construction incorporating the bid reduction proposal and bringing the revised Base Bid amount to \$ 909,786.90. Award for Bid Alternate A is not recommended due to aforementioned funding constraints.

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

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Todd Mattson', with a stylized, cursive script.

Todd Mattson, P.E.
Project Engineer

Enclosures: Bid Tabulation
PRC Cost Reduction Proposal (7-15-15)

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HDR, Inc.
601 Metz Dr.
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Attn: Todd Mattson

Mr. Mattson,

After review of the proposed changes to the Third Street Plaza Project Powder River Construction, Inc. has developed the following proposal for your consideration. Please review the proposal and call us with any questions.

1. Remove the landscape items as proposed.
2. Adjust the four additional pedestrian light pole foundation prices to reflect the actual costs.
3. Remove the four plaza column light pole foundations as requested.
4. Adjust the four additional pedestrian light pole installations to reflect the actual costs for the four additional light poles.
5. Remove the plaza column light pole as request.

Bid Item Number	Description	Quantity Change	Units	Unit Price	Total Price
02900.23SP	INSTALL TYPICAL PEDESTRIAN SEAT WALL TYPE "A"	(6.00)	EA	\$ 9,400.00	\$ (56,400.00)
02900.24SP	INSTALL TYPICAL PEDESTRIAN SEAT WALL TYPE "B"	(4.00)	EA	\$ 7,000.00	\$ (28,000.00)
02900.26SP	42" STREET ENCLOSURE FENCE - SLEEVED OVER BOLLARD TYPE	(4.00)	EA	\$ 4,500.00	\$ (18,000.00)
02900.27SP	42" STREET ENCLOSURE FENCE -FREESTANDING TYPE	(10.00)	EA	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (20,000.00)
16000.30ASP	INSTALL PEDESTRIAN LIGHT POLE FOUNDATION	4.00	EA	\$ 5,156.25	\$ 20,625.00
16000.31SP	INSTALL PLAZA COLUMN LIGHT POLE FOUNDATION	(4.00)	EA	\$ 8,888.00	\$ (35,552.00)
16000.35SP	INSTALL ROPE LIGHT CABINET FOUNDATION	(4.00)	EA	\$ 9,850.00	\$ (39,400.00)
16000.37ASP	INSTALL PEDESTRIAN LIGHT POLE	4.00	EA	\$ 19,466.75	\$ 77,867.00
16000.38SP	INSTALL PLAZA COLUMN LIGHT POLE	(4.00)	EA	\$ 6,000.00	\$ (24,000.00)
Base Bid Total					\$ (122,860.00)

Thank you,

Travis Bourne
Project Administrator