



# INBERG-MILLER ENGINEERS

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March 5, 2019

City of Gillette  
Engineering Department  
Steven Peterson  
201 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Gillette, WY 82717-3003

**RE: Bid Acceptance Recommendation  
2019 New Sidewalks  
Project No. 19EN10**

Dear Steve,

Bids were received at 11:00 A.M., Tuesday, March 5, 2019 for the above referenced project. Two (2) contractors submitted bids. Proper Bid Security in the form of Bid Bonds for five percent (5%) of the bid amounts was included with all the bids. All bids included a "Certificate of Residency Status." Both bidders acknowledged Addendum 1.

Black Cat Construction was the low bidder. The Black Cat Construction bid is mathematically correct and was the lowest qualified bid for the project.

The lowest bid for each contractor is tabulated as follows. A bid tab of all qualified bids along with the Engineer's estimate is enclosed for your review.

**Black Cat Construction**  
**WEC**  
**Engineer's Estimate**

**Total: \$58,317.00**  
**Total: \$93,079.56**  
**Total: \$112,083.00**

Black Cat Construction is a local contractor based in Gillette. Black Cat owner Jeff Sorch has over 33 years' experience working in Gillette on various City and private projects including roads, sidewalks, water lines and sewer infrastructure. Black Cat has 4 employees and bring in additional summer help. Jeff Sorch, who will manage and work on the project, is thoroughly familiar with the City of Gillette construction requirements and procedures. Black Cat has the necessary equipment and people to complete a smaller project such as this one.

On March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019, I spoke with Jeff Sorch about the bid submitted. Jeff stated he was comfortable with the bid submitted.

The low Base Bid is 48 % below the Engineer's estimate and 23 % below the average of the bids submitted. The low bidder has met the necessary requirements for bidding, and I recommend that the City of Gillette award the 2019 NEW SIDEWALKS project to Black Cat Construction.

If you have any questions concerning our evaluation or recommendations, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Cordially,



Gerald Williams, P.E.  
Project Engineer  
Inberg-Miller Engineers

Enclosed:     Bid Tab Sheet  
                 Black Cat Construction Original Bid Packet  
                 Wyoming Earthmoving Corp. Original Bid Packet