DHM Melvin Engineering

September 28, 2026

Ms. Patrice Tanner, City Administrator
City of Chipley
1442 Jackson Ave
Chipley, FL 32428

RE: Recommendation of Award - Chipley Wastewater Efficiency Improvements (CHI25FD)

Ms. Tanner:

Recommendation:
We recommend award of the project to Talcon Group for $560,000.00, subject to FDACS approval of the revised scope and award. Talcon Group was the lowest apparent bidder. The recommended contract is limited to Bid Items Nos. 1 and 2, with Bid Items Nos. 3 through 9 excluded to align with available grant funding.

Background:
This project is 100% grant-funded by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) and is intended to improve energy efficiency associated with the City's wastewater infrastructure. The original project scope included replacement and upgrades of key WWTF equipment, including effluent pumps, blowers, influent pumps, reject pumps, filter feed pumps, SBR mixer motors, SCADA monitoring and controls, and energy-efficient upgrades to the existing high-mast lighting.

Bids were received on March 18, 2026, from five bidders. All bids exceeded the available construction budget, with Talcon Group identified as the lowest apparent bidder. FDACS has confirmed $560,000.00 in available construction funding; the revised scope and award remain subject to FDACS approval.

Following bid opening, the scope was reduced by deleting Bid Items Nos. 3 through 9. The recommended contract includes four blowers and two effluent pumps and motors, as reflected in the attached Talcon Group value-engineered pricing, for a total of $560,000.00.

Excluded items are high-mast lighting improvements, influent pumps, reject and onsite reuse pumps, filter feed pumps, SBR mixer motors, the SCADA allowance, and the contingency allowance. Accordingly, we recommend award to Talcon Group for $560,000.00, subject to FDACS approval of the revised scope and award.

Sincerely,

Brent Melvin

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BIDDER: _____

CHI25FD -City of Chipley Wastewater Efficiency Improvements
Talcon VE Bid Tab

Item No.	Description	Unit	Qty.	Talcon Unit Price	Talcon Bid Amount
1	Furnish and install Effluent pump and Motor – 125HP, including removal and proper disposal of existing equipment, electrical connections, startup, and training, as required by the Plans and Specifications	EA	2	$ 119,345.00	$ 238,690.00
2	Furnish and install Blowers and Motors– 75HP, including removal and proper disposal of existing equipment, electrical connections, startup, and training, as required by the Plans and Specifications. Base Bid is Gardner Denver	EA	4	$ 80,327.50	$ 321,310.00
~~3~~	~~Furnish and install Influent Pumps -33.5HP, including removal and proper disposal of existing equipment, electrical connections, startup, and training, as required by the Plans and Specifications~~	~~EA~~	~~3~~	~~$ 47,365.00~~	~~$ 142,095.00~~
~~4~~	~~Furnish and install Reject and Onsite Reuse Pumps and Motors–20HP, including removal and proper disposal of existing equipment, electrical connections, startup, and training, as required by the Plans and Specifications~~	~~EA~~	~~2~~	~~$ 80,955.00~~	~~$ 161,910.00~~
~~5~~	~~Furnish and install Filter Feed Pumps and Motors – 5HP, including removal and proper disposal of existing equipment, electrical connections, startup, and training, as required by the Plans and Specifications~~	~~EA~~	~~2~~	~~$ 55,000.00~~	~~$ 110,000.00~~
~~6~~	~~Furnish and install SBR Mixer Motors – 30HP, including removal and proper disposal of existing equipment, electrical connections, startup, and training, as required by the Plans and Specifications~~	~~EA~~	~~2~~	~~$ 38,540.00~~	~~$ 77,080.00~~
~~7~~	~~Furnish and install High Mast Lighting, including removal and proper disposal of existing equipment, electrical connections, startup, and training, as required by the Plans and Specifications~~	~~LS~~	~~LS~~	~~$ 95,000.00~~	~~$ 95,000.00~~
~~8~~	~~SCADA Allowance – to be used only upon written authorization of the Owner and Engineer~~	~~NA~~	~~NA~~		~~$ 50,000.00~~
~~9~~	~~Contingency Allowance – to be used only upon written authorization of the Owner and Engineer~~	~~NA~~	~~NA~~		~~$ 25,000.00~~
			TOTAL		*560,000.00*

Construction Budget	$560,000.00
Talcon Total VE Price	$ 560,000.00
Over budget amount	$0.00

Talcon Group Signature_____ Date_____

BID OPENING SIGN IN SHEET

Project: City of Chipley Wastewater Improvements **DHM No: CHI25FD**

March 18, 2026 at 3:00pm local time at City of Chipley Admin Office 1442 Jackson Ave Chipley FL 32428

Please print clearly to ensure future communication

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DHM	Paula Weeks	850 482 3045	paulaweeks@melvineng.com
GCUC	Zach Mclawhorn	850-265-9166	zach.mclawhorn@gcuc.net
Marshall Bros	Liz Redding	850-265-8742	liz.redding@marshallbrothers.us
DHM	John Udochi	678-770-9010	John Udochi@melvineng.com

AS READ - BID TABULATION

DHM Melvin Engineering CHI25FD

PROJECT: City of Chipley Wastewater Improvements
DHM No: CHI25FD
BID DATE: 3/18/2026
TIME: 3pm CT
LOCATION: City of Chipley Admin Office 1442 Jackson Avenue Chipley, FL

BIDDER AND CONTACT INFORMATION	BID BOND	MBE/WBE	ADDENDA	TOTAL BASE BID
Marshall Brothers	Yes		No. 1 Yes No. 2 Yes	Base: 1,298,508
GCUC	Yes		No. 1 Yes No. 2 Yes	Base: 1,457,250
SawCross Contractors	Yes		No. 1 Yes No. 2 Yes	Base: 1,370,000
North Florida Construction	Yes		No. 1 Yes No. 2 Yes	Base: 1,660,000
Talcon	Yes		No. 1 Yes No. 2 Yes	Base: 1,266,499
			No. 1 No. 2	Base:
			No. 1 No. 2	Base:
			No. 1 No. 2	Base:
			No. 1 No. 2	Base:

Read by: John Udochi

Witnessed by: Sharon Snell

Date: 3-18-26