

February 25, 2025

Matt Amundson
City of Columbus
105 N. Dickason Blvd
Columbus, WI 53925

RE: 2025 Street and Utility Improvements Bid Recommendation

Dear Mr. Amundson:

Bids for the above project were opened on February 14th, at 11:00 am via virtually online at Quest and two contractors submitted bids and are as follows:

	BIDDER	BASE BID
1.	<u>Forest Landscaping & Construction, INC.</u>	<u>\$897,002.00</u>
2.	<u>Kopplin & Kinas CO., INC.</u>	<u>\$945,503.00</u>

We reviewed the documentation submitted by the apparent low bidder and found that:

1. The Bid Form has been appropriately completed.
2. We have no objections to the low bidder, nor to the proposed major subcontractors and suppliers.
3. Low bidder has successfully completed similar projects over the last five years according to references we have contacted.

On these bases, we recommend that Forest Landscaping & Construction, Inc. be awarded the 2025 Water Relay and Road Rehab contract in the amount of \$897,002.00. This amount is based on the bid unit prices and estimated quantities. Actual quantities, and therefore the final contract price, may vary.

Our review did not include an evaluation of the bidder's current financial condition nor of their permanent safety program.

Should you decide to accept our recommendation, we have prepared the enclosed Notice of Award for your use. After City Council approval has been received, please have the appropriate official sign where indicated and forward a signed copy of the Notice of Award to our office. We will then fill in the date at the top of page one and forward it, with contracts for execution, to the Contractor. One fully completed Notice of Award will be returned to you for your records.

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Bids remain subject to acceptance until April 15, 2025, unless Bidder agrees to an extension. Please advise us of your award decision, or call if there are any questions.

Respectfully,

RUEKERT & MIELKE, INC.

Brian Toczyski

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Enclosure(s): Notice of Award

Cc:
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Jason Lietha, P.E., Ruekert-Mielke

