

April 8, 2026

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

RE: 2026 West School Street Reconstruction

Dear Matt:

Bids for the above project were opened on January 28<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. via virtually online at Quest and were as follows:

BIDDER	BASE BID A	BASE BID B	GRAND TOTAL
1. Forest Landscaping & Construction, Inc.	\$2,511,565.00	\$244,135.00	\$2,755,700.00
2. Kopplin & Kinas Co., Inc.	\$2,670,158.40	\$268,909.50	\$2,939,067.90
3. James Peterson Sons, Inc. – Utility Division	\$2,957,709.43	\$286,634.85	\$3,244,344.28
4. Rock Road Companies, Inc.	\$3,128,093.73	\$265,825.44	\$3,393,919.17
5. Parisi Construction, LLC.	\$3,474,124.75	\$239,842.75	\$3,713,607.50

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 5 years.

On these bases, we recommend that Forest Landscaping and Construction be awarded the 2026 West School Street Reconstruction contract, in the amount of \$2,755,700.00. 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 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.

Bids remain subject to acceptance until April 28, 2026, unless Bidder agrees to an extension. Please advise us of your award decision, or call if there are any questions.

Respectfully,

RUEKERT & MIELKE, INC.



Samantha E. Boman  
 Project Engineer  
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 Encl: Notice of Award

**NOTICE OF AWARD**

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Contract: 2026 West School Street Reconstruction	Date of Issuance: _____
Bidder: Forest Landscaping & Construction, Inc.	Owner: City of Columbus
Address: W8583 Finch Brothers Road	Engineer: Ruekert & Mielke, Inc.
Lake Mills, WI 53551	Engineer's Project No.: 8117-10105

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**TO BIDDER:**

You are notified that your Bid dated January 28, 2026 for the above Contract has been accepted by Owner and you are the Successful Bidder and are awarded a Contract for:

2026 West School Street Reconstruction

The Contract Price of your Contract is: \$ 2,755,700.00

Two (2) copies of the proposed Contract Documents (except Drawings) accompany this Notice of Award or have been transmitted or made available to Bidder electronically.

Two (2) sets of the Drawings will be delivered separately or otherwise made available to Bidder electronically.

Bidder must comply with the following conditions precedent within 15 days of the date of issuance of this Notice of Award:

1. Deliver to Engineer Two (2) fully executed counterparts of the Contract Documents.
2. Deliver with the executed Agreement the Performance Bond, Payment Bond as specified in the Instructions to Bidders (Article 21), General Conditions (Paragraph 6.01), and Supplementary Conditions (Paragraph SC-6.01).
3. Deliver with the executed Agreement certificates and other evidence of insurance as specified in the General Conditions (Article 6) and the Supplementary Conditions modifying Article 6 of the General Conditions.

Failure to comply with these conditions within the time specified will entitle Owner to consider you in default, annul this Notice of Award, and declare your Bid security forfeited.

Within 10 days after you comply with the above conditions, Engineer will return to you one fully executed counterpart of the Agreement.

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Owner: City of Columbus

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Copy: Engineer