

August 12, 2025

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

RE: 2025 Parking Lot Improvements

Dear Matt:

Bids for the above project were opened on August 12, 2025 online on QuestCDN and were as follows:

BIDDER	BASE BID	MANDATORY ALTERNATE A	MANDATORY ALTERNATE B	BASE BID + MANDATORY ALTERNATES TOTAL
Kopplin & Kinas Co., Inc.	\$202,236.80	\$16,902.00	\$21,840.00	\$240,978.80
Forest Landscaping & Construction, Inc.	\$233,390.00	\$14,350.00	\$16,600.00	\$264,340.00

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.

On these bases, we recommend that Kopplin & Kinas CO., INC. be awarded the 2025 Parking Lot Improvements contract, in the amount of a base bid and mandatory alternates A and B of \$240,978.80. This amount is based on the bid unit prices and estimated quantities. Actual quantities, and therefore the final contract price, may vary. On all construction projects, unpredictable factors may increase the final contract amount. For this reason, we recommend that the City of Columbus includes a 10 percent contingency when preparing the financial plan for this work.

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 October 12, 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.

Heidi Jeninga

Digitally signed by Heidi Jeninga  
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o="Ruekert-Mielke, Inc.", cn=Heidi Jeninga  
Date: 2025.08.13 13:31:29-0500

Heidi F. Jeninga, P.E., CESSWI (WI)  
Project Engineer  
[hjeninga@ruekert-mielke.com](mailto:hjeninga@ruekert-mielke.com)

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Encl: Notice of Award  
Bid Summary

**BID SUMMARY**

2025 Parking Lot Improvements

City of Columbus, Columbia County, Wisconsin

Bid Open: August 12, 2025 | 10:00 am

<b>BASE BID</b>						
<b>CONTRACTOR</b>	Bid Bond	Addendum 1	Addendum 2	<b>BASE BID A</b>	<b>BASE BID B</b>	<b>BASE BID TOTAL</b>
Kopplin & Kinas CO., INC.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$98,651.50	\$103,585.30	\$202,236.80
Forest Landscaping & Construction, INC.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$104,770.00	\$128,620.00	\$233,390.00

<b>MANDATORY ALTERNATE</b>			
<b>CONTRACTOR</b>	<b>MANDATORY ALTERNATE A</b>	<b>MANDATORY ALTERNATE B</b>	<b>BID GRAND TOTAL</b>
Kopplin & Kinas CO., INC.	\$16,902.00	\$21,840.00	\$240,978.80
Forest Landscaping & Construction, INC.	\$14,350.00	\$16,600.00	\$264,340.00

APPARENT LOW BID: \$240,978.80

APPARENT LOW BIDDER: Kopplin & Kinas CO., INC.

RUEKERT & MIELKE, INC.  
4630 S Biltmore Lane  
Madison WI 53718

## NOTICE OF AWARD

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	Date of Issuance:	August 19, 2025
	Owner:	City of Columbus
Contract:	2025 Parking Lot Improvements	
Bidder:	Kopplin & Kinas CO., INC.	Engineer: Ruekert & Mielke, Inc.
Address:	W1266 N Lawson Drive	Engineer's Project No.: 8117-10104
	Green Lake, WI 54941	

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### TO BIDDER:

You are notified that your Bid dated August 12, 2025 for the above Contract has been accepted by Owner and you are the Successful Bidder and are awarded a Contract for:

#### 2025 Parking Lot Improvements

The Contract Price of your Contract is: \$ 240,978.80

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, and 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