

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:
Jacob Holbert, Columbus Utilities Director
Jason Lietha, P.E., Ruekert-Mielke

NOTICE OF AWARD

	Date of Issuance:	
	Owner:	City of Columbus
Contract:	2025 Street and Utility Improvements	
Bidder:	Forest Landscaping & Construction, Inc.	Engineer: Ruekert & Mielke, Inc.
Address:	W8583 Finch Bros Road	Engineer's Project No.: 8117-10103
	Lake Mills, WI 53534	

TO BIDDER:

You are notified that your Bid dated February 14, 2025, for the above Contract has been accepted by Owner and you are the Successful Bidder and are awarded a Contract for:

2025 Street and Utility Improvements

The Contract Price of your Contract is: \$ 897,002.22

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.

Owner:	<u>City of Columbus</u>
Signature:	_____
	Authorized Signature
Title:	_____
Date:	_____

Copy: Engineer