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May 6, 2021

Mr. J. Sidney Forsyth
Director – Cartersville Water Department
City of Cartersville
P.O. Box 1390
148 Walnut Grove Road
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Re: Fairview Tank Exterior Painting
City of Cartersville, GA
W&S Project #027-20-140

Dear Mr. J. Sidney Forsyth:

Bids were received, opened, and read in public on April 29, 2021, for the Fairview Tank Exterior Painting project for the City of Cartersville. The work consists of cleaning and coating the exterior of the 5,000,000 Gallon Fairview ground steel water tank and the completion of miscellaneous repairs to the tank and associated appurtenances at the water tank site.

A total of four (4) bids were received from qualified painting contractors as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Total Base Bid</u>
Utility Service Co., Inc.	\$ 546,200.00
Classic Protective Coatings	\$ 724,950.00
Southern Road & Bridge	\$ 934,000.00
E&D Contracting Services, Inc/E&D Coatings, Inc.	\$ 2,783,810.00

A certified tabulation of the bids received is attached. As required in the bid documents, the low bidder submitted with his bid a 10% bid bond from a surety company listed in U.S. Treasury Circular 570. The total base bid of Utility Service Co., Inc. of Perry, Georgia, was the lowest responsive bid in the amount of FIVE HUNDRED FORTY-SIX THOUSAND AND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$546,200.00). The bid is under our opinion of cost for the project, which was \$ 565,000.00 (attached).

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Utility Service Co., Inc. has confirmed that Travelers Casualty & Surety Company of America will furnish payment and performance bonds for this project. Travelers Casualty & Surety Company of America is listed in the current version of the U.S. Department of the Treasury Circular #570, is shown as being licensed in the State of Georgia with an underwriting limitation that is greater than the bond amount. Travelers Casualty & Surety Company of America have a current A.M. Best rating of "A++."

Upon receipt of performance and payment bonds, we will require that Travelers Casualty & Surety Company of America provide verification of bond authenticity prior to execution of the contract by the City.

SUEZ acquired utility Service Co., Inc. in 2008, but they still operate under Utility Service Co., Inc. (USCI). They included their company qualification information and relevant project experience with the bid package (attached). Wiedeman and Singleton, Inc. has also completed four (4) projects with USCI as the painting contractor in the last ten (10) years, with the most recent project completed earlier this year for a 1,000,000 Gallon elevated steel water tank in Rock Hill, SC.

We recommend the award of the contract to Utility Service Co., Inc. in the amount of \$ 546,200.00.

The bids received and opened are valid for sixty (60) days from April 29, 2021. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to call.

Sincerely,

WIEDEMAN AND SINGLETON, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ahmed An-naim". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Ahmed An-naim, P. E.

Enclosure