

May 7, 2024

Mr. Wade Wilson
Public Works Director
City of Cartersville Public Works
PO Box 1390
330 S. Erwin Street
Cartersville, GA 30120

RE: Recommendation of Award
Terrell Heights Storm Sewer Improvements – Phase 2

Dear Mr. Wilson:

As you are aware, bids were received on April 26, 2024, for the referenced project. The City of Cartersville has advised us that the City has sufficient funding to include both additive alternates in the project. HD Excavations & Utilities, LLC was the apparent low bidder for the project, Base Bid plus both Additive Alternates in the amount of \$1,511,550.00. A tabulation of the bids is attached for your use.

We have completed our review of the bid documents and find them in order. We have also checked their references and other pertinent information with positive results.

As a result of this investigation, we recommend HD Excavations & Utilities, LLC as the successful, responsive, and responsible low bidder for the project.

American Alternative Insurance Corporation was the surety company for the bid bond and will most likely furnish the performance and payment bonds for this project. They are listed in the current U.S. Department of the Treasury Circular 570. They are shown as being licensed in the State of Georgia with an underwriting limitation that is greater than the bond amount. While we make no representation as to the solvency of this surety company, inclusion in this circular does indicate that they were acceptable as a surety on Federal bonds. We would like to remind you that an "officer of the government entity" is required by Georgia Law (OCGA 36-91-40 (a)(2)) to "approve as to solvency of the surety". As your Engineer, we are not qualified to assure the solvency of the surety. We would recommend that your attorney is probably in the best position to suggest procedures to assure compliance with this Georgia Law.

If you concur with our recommendation, and you have confirmed the solvency of the surety, please advise us and we will notify the contractor of award and will transmit the conformed documents to them for execution and attachment of bonds and insurance.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Barge Design Solutions, Inc.



David Lavergne, PE
Project Manager

cc: David King, Barge