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June 2, 2022

Mr. J. Sidney Forsyth
Director – Cartersville Water Department
City of Cartersville
P.O. Box 1390
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Re: Main Street Pump Station Rehabilitation
City of Cartersville, Cartersville, Georgia
W&S Project #027-21-140

Dear Mr. Forsyth:

Bids were received, opened, and read in public on May 26, 2022, for the MAIN STREET PUMP STATION REHABILITATION for the City of Cartersville. The work consists of replacing pumps, foundation slab, and piping inside the existing pump station building, and yard piping connections to the existing water system within the pump station site and GA Power Right-of-way. The work also includes installing all-new electrical gear, VFDs, and a new 450 kW Diesel Generator.

A total of two (2) bids were received from previously pre-qualified general contractors as follows:

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| 1. Heavy Constructors, Inc. (Marietta, GA) | \$ 2,772,129.00 |
| 2. Sol Construction, LLC (Atlanta, GA) | \$ 3,153,600.00 |

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 Heavy Constructors, Inc. of Marietta, Georgia was the lowest responsive bid in the amount of TWO MILLION SEVEN-HUNDRED SEVENTY-TWO THOUSAND AND ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINE DOLLARS (\$ 2,772,129.00). The bid amount is over our opinion of cost for the project which was \$ 1,910,100.00 (attached).

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Four bidders were prequalified; two bidders did not submit bids. Upon inquiry, the two bidders who did not submit a bid stated that they did not have personnel available to take on additional work at this time. It is our understanding and experience from other projects that recent bids are coming in considerably higher on all projects than we would otherwise expect. It is possible that this situation will reverse itself in future as inflation abates and more personnel become available. It is equally possible that this is the new "normal".

Accordingly, it is our opinion that the bid of Heavy Constructors is a reasonable bid for the work in the current economic climate. We do not believe that rebidding the project in the near future would result in a lower price.

Heavy Constructors, Inc. has confirmed that Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland will furnish payment and performance bonds for this project. Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland 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. They also have a current A.M. Best rating of "A+". Upon receipt of performance and payment bonds, we will require that Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland provide a verification of bond authenticity prior to execution of the contract by the City.

We recommend award of the contract to Heavy Constructors, Inc. in the amount of \$ 2,772,129.00.

The bids received and opened are valid for sixty (60) days from May 26, 2022. 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', written in a cursive style.

Ahmed An-naim, P. E.

Enclosure