



STAFF REPORT
City of Dripping Springs
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Submitted By: Gray Lahrman, Utilities Director

Council Meeting Date: 07/21/2026

Agenda Item Wording: Discussion and possible action to award RFB # 73819 for the South Collector Wastewater Project to Santa Clara Construction, Ltd. in the amount of \$4,714,829.00 and authorize the City Administrator to finalize and execute contract with selected bidder. *Sponsor: Mayor Foulds, Jr.*

Agenda Item Requestor: Gray Lahrman

Summary/Background: The City received fifteen (15) competitive bids for the South Collector Project, with bid amounts ranging from **\$4,078,028.00** to **\$10,950,181.15**.

The evaluation committee, consisting of the City Engineer, the Burgess & Niple Project Manager, and the City Utilities Director, completed a comprehensive review of the submitted proposals. Based on the evaluation criteria, the committee determined that **Santa Clara Construction, Ltd.** provides the best overall value and is the most qualified contractor to successfully complete the project.

Although Santa Clara Construction, Ltd. was the second-lowest bidder at **\$4,286,209.00**, the firm demonstrated extensive experience with municipal wastewater infrastructure projects, including the successful installation of large-diameter fiberglass sewer mains. The committee concluded that this experience, combined with the firm's qualifications and demonstrated ability to deliver projects of similar scope and complexity, justified selection over the apparent low bidder.

The Evaluation Committee recommends that the City Council award the construction contract for the South Collector Project to **Santa Clara Construction, Ltd.** in the amount of **\$4,714,829.00** and authorize the City Administrator to execute the contract and all associated documents upon review and approval by the City Attorney. The total contract amount noted includes a 10% contingency.

This project is to be funded by current TWDB loan.

**Commission
Recommendations:**

Recommended Council Actions:	City Staff recommends Council approving the award of contract to Santa Clara Construction, Ltd. and authorize City Administrator to execute contract.
Attachments:	Engineer's letter of recommendation. South Collector Bid Tabulation Santa Clara Construction Bid
Next Steps/Schedule:	Notice of award to contractor and execution contract Construction to start August 12, 2026