

Staff Report

Subject: Award Recommendation for Hodgeville Sanitary Sewer Force Main Construction

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Department: Project Management, Procurement, Engineering

Meeting Date: April 15, 2025

Item Description: Consideration to approve the award of a construction contract to Legacy Water Group, LLC for the Hodgeville Sanitary Sewer Force Main Project under Invitation for Bid #23-ITB-060.

Summary Recommendation: Staff recommends awarding the contract to Legacy Water Group, LLC, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, in the amount of \$9,207,009.00.

Executive Summary/Background:

Effingham County issued Invitation for Bid #23-ITB-060 for the construction of a new sanitary sewer force main from the Hodgeville Pump Station to the County's Wastewater Treatment Plant. The project includes the installation of 18-inch FPVC piping, directional drilling, jack-and-bore crossings, utility connections, erosion control, and site restoration.

Bids were publicly solicited, and five proposals were received. The apparent low bidder was **Legacy Water Group, LLC** with a base bid of **\$8,145,560.00**. EMC Engineering Services, the County's consultant on this project, reviewed the bid submissions and recommends awarding the project with **Alternate Bid Section 1** included, which modifies the installation method to minimize wetland impacts and eliminate the need for mitigation credits.

With the adjustments applied under Alternate Bid Section 1, the final total recommended bid is **\$9,207,009.00**.

Alternate Bid Section 2 (18" ductile iron pipe) and Section 3 (24" casing) were evaluated but not recommended due to significantly higher material and installation costs.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider

1. Approve award of the contract to Legacy Water Group, LLC in the amount of \$9,207,009.00.
2. Do not approve.

Recommended Alternative: 1

Other Alternatives: 2

Department Review: Project Management, Engineering, Procurement

Funding Source: Capital Budget FY25

Attachments: Construction Contract – Hodgeville Sanitary Sewer Force Main (IFB #23-ITB-060), Bid Abstract and Recommendation Letter – EMC