

Staff Report

Subject: Award of ITB 25-ITB-107 Blue Jay, Midland, and Low Ground Road Sewer Extension

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Department: Procurement, Engineering

Meeting Date: April 7th, 2026

Item Description: Consideration to approve the award of ITB 25-ITB-107, Blue Jay, Midland, and Low Ground Road Sewer Extension.

Summary Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the award of ITB 25-ITB-107 to Southeast Connections, LLC, in the base amount of \$10,359,484.00, with an owner-held contingency of \$1,553,922.60, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$11,913,406.60.

Executive Summary / Background:

Effingham County solicited sealed bids for the Blue Jay, Midland, and Low Ground Road Sewer Extension project. The project includes installation of new gravity sewer, force main, and two submersible lift stations along Low Ground Road, together with wetwells, valve vaults, pumps, piping, valves, fittings, electrical and SCADA controls, standby power systems, fencing, site lighting, grading, and final site restoration. The project is intended to improve and expand wastewater service in the Blue Jay Road corridor and surrounding area.

The County issued Invitation for Bid No. 25-ITB-107 on December 17, 2025, held a mandatory pre-bid conference on January 5, 2026, and received bids on February 17, 2026. Five bids were received for this project, and Southeast Connections, LLC was the lowest bidder at \$10,359,484.00.

The contract provides for an owner-held contingency equal to 15% of the base contract amount, or \$1,553,922.60, resulting in a total not-to-exceed amount of \$11,913,406.60. The project completion time is 365 calendar days from receipt of Notice to Proceed.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider:

1. Approve the award of ITB 25-ITB-107 to Southeast Connections, LLC.
2. Do not approve the award.
3. Provide staff with direction.

Recommended Alternative: 1

Other Alternatives: 2, 3

Department Review: Procurement, Engineering

Funding Source: Capital Improvement Budget

Attachments: Bid Tabulation, Contract