



June 20, 2025

Mr. Eric Buckman
City Manager
City of Gladstone
1100 Delta Avenue
Gladstone, MI 49837

**Re: Wastewater Collection System Sanitary Sewer Improvements
SRF No. 5866-01 Project Number 22-0421
Award Recommendation**

Dear Mr. Buckman:

On June 19, 2025, the City of Gladstone received bids for its Wastewater Collection System Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project. A total of two (2) bids were received for the work. The bids are summarized below and a Bid Tabulation is attached.

UNIT PRICE BASE BIDS

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>TOTAL BASE BID</u>
Barley Trucking & Excavating, Inc.	\$5,129,901.41 (Corrected Bid Amount)
Oberstar, Inc.	\$6,542,040.75 (Corrected Bid Amount)

The base bid for each are under the budgeted amount for this project. Despite a competitive bid environment, several bidders declined to bid at the last moment, focusing on other projects instead. Competing projects bidding on other projects were cited as particularly limiting the bidding on this work. However, we believe that the Barley Trucking & Excavating, Inc. bid received was accurate and competitive given the current bidding environment. The apparent low bidder based on the Unit Price Base Bid is Barley Trucking & Excavating, Inc.

ALTERNATES

No Bid Alternates were planned for this project.

EVALUATED EQUIPMENT BIDS

No Equipment is proposed for this project.

SUBCONTRACTORS

Paving Subcontractor	Payne and Dolan, Walbec Group – Gladstone, MI
Concrete Subcontractor	Martell Construction, Inc. – Green Bay, WI
CIPP, Clean & Televisé	Tunnel Vision – Escanaba, MI



Traffic Control

JCS Inc., Baraga MI

AWARD RECOMMENDATION

We have reviewed the bids and information included with each bid. We offer the following Engineer's recommendation regarding the award:

It is recommended that the Award of the construction contract be based on the Unit Price Base Bid. Based on adjustments, the low bid was submitted by Barley Trucking & Excavating, Inc. of Menominee, Michigan, in the amount of \$5,129,901.41 (Corrected). We have reviewed the bid and find only minor irregularities. We have discussed past experience with the contractor and their named subcontractors. Barley Trucking & Excavating, Inc. has adequate experience and resources to complete this project in compliance with the Contract Documents.

PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

The CWSRF project is a full loan funded project that will include Principle Forgiveness towards the loan payment. Portion of the restoration work will be completed as Non-Participating costs. This includes road work not eligible under the CWSRF Program.

The total amount of the recommended low bid is \$5,129,901.41 Base Bid. Allocation of CWSRF Participating and City Non-Participating Costs are as follows:

	Total	Participating (CWSRF)	Non-Participating (City)
Construction Bid:	\$5,129,901.41	\$4,689,161.41	\$ 440,740.00
Engineering Services:	\$ 957,150.00	\$ 957,150.00	\$ 0.00
Financials, Bonds, etc.	\$ 83,575.00	\$ 83,575.00	
Contingency (6%):	\$370,237.58	\$ 343,793.16	\$ 59,260.00
Total:	\$6,540,863.99	\$6,073,679.16	\$ 500,000.00

It is C2AE's recommendation that the City of Gladstone resolve to award the contract to Barley Trucking and Excavation, Inc. in the amount of \$5,129,901.41 based on the attached unit price bid. For project budget purposes, the funding amount should include 6% contingency and engineering for a total project budget of approximately \$6,540,863.99 (contingent on EGLE approval of Project Funding).

City Recommendation of award to Contractor should be made contingent on EGLE CWSRF Loan Financing and Loan Closure for the Project.

Please contact us if any questions arise.

Sincerely,

Darren Pionk, PE
Project Manager