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TO: Susan Como, City Manager

FROM: James Kowalski, Director of Public Services JK

DATE: November 10, 2026

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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS
CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: Recommendation – 2026 Sewer Rehabilitation by Open Cut Repairs
AEW Project No. 0160-0516

During the Finance Committee meeting, a discussion was held regarding the proposed 2026/2027 construction projects. Included in discussion was the 2026 Sewer Rehabilitation.

On Tuesday, October 20, 2026, five bids were received for the 2026 Sewer Rehabilitation by Open Cut Repairs.

OCG Companies, LLC	$177,615.00
Fontana Construction, Inc.	$197,202.00
Superior Excavating, Inc.	$215,225.00
HMC LLC.	$258,743.75
Eminent Excavating Local, LLC	$277,590.00

The low bidder was OCG Companies, LLC., of Bloomfield hills, Michigan in the amount of $177,615.00. AEW reviewed the qualifications and references submitted by OCG. While several references were provided, none of the references contacted had experience with OCG performing work of similar scope and complexity. In addition, AEW is currently administering a parking lot reconstruction project for the City of Warren on which OCG serves as the contractor. There have been concerns related to project scheduling, communication, and workmanship. AEW does not believe OCG has demonstrated the necessary experience or performance history to be considered the most responsible bidder for this project.

The second low bidder was Fontana Construction, Inc., of Sterling Heights, Michigan in the amount of $197,202.00. AEW has worked with Fontana Construction, Inc. in Grosse Pointe Woods for several years as well as many neighboring communities. They are qualified to perform this type of work and their work is satisfactory.

Based upon the recommendation of AEW, I concur that the contract for the 2026 Sewer Rehabilitation by Open Cut Repairs be awarded to Fontana Construction, Inc., 6340 Sims Drive, Sterling Heights, Michigan 48313 in the amount of $197,202.00.

I recommend a construction contingency in an amount not to exceed $29,580.30 for any unforeseen problems should they arise. I further recommend construction engineering fees that will be provided by Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc., 51301 Schoenherr Rd., Shelby Twp., MI 48315 in an amount not to exceed $23,240.40. The total project will not exceed $250,022.70.

This is a budgeted item included in 2026/2027 fiscal year budget in the water/sewer sewer repair construction account no. 592-537-976.002 in the amount of $226,782.30 and the water/sewer sewer repair engineering account no. 592-537-976.001 in the amount of $23,240.40.

I do not believe any benefit will accrue to the City by seeking further bids. Approved for Council Consideration:

Susan Como, City Manager

11/10/26
Date

Fund Certification:

Account numbers and amounts have been verified as presented.

Steven Schmidt, Treasurer/Comptroller

11/12/2026
Date

ANDERSON, ECKSTEIN & WESTRICK, INC.
CIVIL ENGINEERS - SURVEYORS - ARCHITECTS
Shelby Township - Roseville - Livonia
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November 10, 2026

Jim Kowalski, Director of Public Services
City of Grosse Pointe Woods
1200 Parkway Drive
Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236-2397

Reference: 2026 Sewer Rehabilitation by Open Cut Repairs
City of Grosse Pointe Woods
AEW Project No. 0160-0516

Dear Mr. Kowalski:

On October 20, 2026, five (5) bids were received for the above-referenced project. The bids have been tabulated, and a summary is enclosed for the City's review and consideration.

This project consists of seven (7) sewer rehabilitation locations requiring open-cut repairs of existing sanitary sewers ranging in size from 6-inch to 18-inch diameter. The proposed work is located within both front-yard areas and sensitive rear-yard easements, requiring careful construction practices and demonstrated experience performing similar municipal sewer rehabilitation work.

The apparent low bidder was OCG Companies, LLC, of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. AEW reviewed the qualifications and references submitted by OCG. While several references were provided, none of the references contacted by our office had experience with OCG performing work of similar scope and complexity. In addition, AEW is currently administering a parking lot reconstruction project for the City of Warren on which OCG serves as the contractor. Based on our experience to date, we have encountered concerns related to project scheduling, communication, and workmanship. Given the nature of the proposed sewer rehabilitation work and the sensitive locations in which much of the work will occur, we do not believe OCG has demonstrated the necessary experience or performance history to be considered the most responsible bidder for this project.

As a result, AEW also reviewed the qualifications and references of the second low bidder, Fontana Construction, Inc., of Sterling Heights, Michigan. Our review found that Fontana possesses significant experience performing municipal sewer and utility projects of similar scope and complexity. References confirmed successful completion of comparable projects, and Fontana has demonstrated experience with the personnel, equipment, and construction methods required for this work. Additionally, Fontana has successfully completed similar sewer rehabilitation projects for the City of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Based on our review of qualifications, references, and relevant project experience, AEW recommends that the City Council award the **2026 Sewer Rehabilitation by Open Cut Repairs** contract to **Fontana Construction, Inc.**, 6340 Sims Drive, Sterling Heights, Michigan 48313, in the amount of **$197,202.00**, as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

In addition, we recommend construction engineering in the amount of $23,240.40 and construction contingency in the amount of $29,580.30. Design Engineering was previously approved in the amount of $16,200.00 for a total project cost of $266,222.70.

If you have any questions please advise.

Sincerely,

Patrick Marcus

Patrick F. Marcus
Infrastructure Rehab Group Lead

Enclosure: Bid Tab

cc: Jeanne Duffy, DPW
Steven Schmidt, Controller
Ross Wilberding, AEW

TABULATION OF BIDS

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS
2026 SEWER REHABILITATION BY OPEN CUT REPAIRS
AEW PROJECT NO. 0160-0516

DATE: 10/20/2026
TIME: 10:00am

Prepared by: Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc.
51301 Schoenherr Road
Shelby Township, MI 48315

BIDDER RANKING

RANK	*BIDDER'S NAME*	*TOTAL BID*	
1	OCG Companies, LLC	$ 177,615.00	
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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS

2026 SEWER REHABILITATION BY OPEN CUT REPAIRS

AEW PROJECT NO. 0160-0516

Item No.	Description	Estimated Quantity	Units	OCG Companies, LLC 1605 S Telegraph Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302		Fontana Construction, Inc 6340 Sims Drive Sterling Heights, MI 48313		Superior Excavating, Inc 2420 Auburn Road Auburn Hills, MI 48326	
				Unit Price	Amount	Unit Price	Amount	Unit Price	Amount
1.	_Bonds, Insurance and Initial Set-Up Expense ($6,300.00 Max)	1	LS	6,300.00	6,300.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	6,300.00	6,300.00
2.	_Audio Visual Record of all Construction Influence Areas	1	LS	1,700.00	1,700.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
3.	_Project Cleanup	1	LS	5,000.00	5,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
4.	Erosion Control, Inlet Protection, Fabric Drop	10	Ea	100.00	1,000.00	1.00	10.00	120.00	1,200.00
5.	Sidewalk, Rem	25	Syd	16.00	400.00	15.00	375.00	9.00	225.00
6.	_Driveway, Conc, Rem	20	Syd	18.00	360.00	15.00	300.00	10.00	200.00
7.	_Maintenance Aggregate, 21AA	4	Cyd	70.00	280.00	50.00	200.00	60.00	240.00
8.	_Fence, Remove and Replace	25	Ft	200.00	5,000.00	100.00	2,500.00	100.00	2,500.00
9.	_Sewer, Pre-Construction Clean and CCTV, 06 inch - 12 inch	790	Ft	13.00	10,270.00	6.00	4,740.00	10.00	7,900.00
10.	_Sewer, Pre-Construction Clean and CCTV, 15 inch - 21 inch	770	Ft	16.00	12,320.00	6.00	4,620.00	16.50	12,705.00
11.	_Sewer, Post-Construction, CCTV, 06 inch - 12 inch	200	Ft	10.00	2,000.00	6.00	1,200.00	6.50	1,300.00
12.	_Sewer, Post-Construction, CCTV, 15 inch - 21 inch	200	Ft	10.00	2,000.00	6.00	1,200.00	8.00	1,600.00
13.	Dr Structure Cover, Adj, Case 1	1	Ea	450.00	450.00	1.00	1.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
14.	Dr Structure, Adj, Add Depth	1	Ft	280.00	280.00	1.00	1.00	900.00	900.00
15.	_External Structure Wrap, 18 inch	1	Ea	900.00	900.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	900.00	900.00
16.	Dr Structure, Tap, 6 inch	1	Ea	950.00	950.00	500.00	500.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
17.	_Sewer Blind Tap, 6 inch	1	LS	17,000.00	17,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
18.	_Dr Structure Frame and Cover, Sanitary Manhole	1	Ea	900.00	900.00	850.00	850.00	700.00	700.00
19.	_Sewer Repr, Remove and Replace 06 inch - 12 inch, 0 Ft - 12 Ft Depth	25	Ft	700.00	17,500.00	1,800.00	45,000.00	650.00	16,250.00
20.	_Sewer Repr, Remove and Replace 15 inch - 21 inch, 0 Ft - 12 Ft Depth	25	Ft	800.00	20,000.00	1,900.00	47,500.00	725.00	18,125.00
21.	_Sewer Repr, Remove and Replace 15 inch - 21 inch, 12 Ft - 24 Ft Depth	20	Ft	1,200.00	24,000.00	2,000.00	40,000.00	1,600.00	32,000.00
22.	_Sewer Repr, Install Straight Tee (06 inch-12 inch x 6 inch) Dia, SDR 26	3	Ea	1,300.00	3,900.00	500.00	1,500.00	2,000.00	6,000.00
23.	_Sewer Repr, Install Straight Tee (15 inch-21 inch x 6 inch) Dia, SDR 26	5	Ea	2,800.00	14,000.00	1,000.00	5,000.00	3,000.00	15,000.00

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24.	Lateral, Reconnect	8	Ea	1,400.00	11,200.00	1,000.00	8,000.00	4,200.00	33,600.00
25.	Lateral Repr, 6 inch	50	Ft	75.00	3,750.00	1.00	50.00	160.00	8,000.00
26.	Pavt Repr, Rem	50	Syd	20.00	1,000.00	15.00	750.00	28.00	1,400.00
27.	Pavt Repr, Nonreinf Conc, 8 inch, Modified	50	Syd	92.00	4,600.00	85.00	4,250.00	123.00	6,150.00
28.	_Cold Patch	5	Ton	280.00	1,400.00	200.00	1,000.00	275.00	1,375.00
29.	Cement	5	Ton	200.00	1,000.00	1.00	5.00	350.00	1,750.00
30.	Driveway, Nonreinf Conc, 6 inch,	20	Syd	80.00	1,600.00	85.00	1,700.00	115.00	2,300.00
31.	Sidewalk, Conc, 4 inch	175	Sft	9.00	1,575.00	10.00	1,750.00	13.00	2,275.00
32.	Sidewalk, Conc, 6 inch	50	Sft	10.00	500.00	10.00	500.00	16.00	800.00
33.	_Surface Restoration, Sodding	30	Syd	22.00	660.00	20.00	600.00	22.00	660.00
34.	_Surface Restoration, Seeding	30	Syd	14.00	420.00	20.00	600.00	17.00	510.00
35.	_Traffic Control and Maintenance	1	LS	2,900.00	2,900.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	8,900.00	8,900.00
36.	_Deliverables	1	LS	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	2,260.00	2,260.00
		TOTAL AMOUNT BID		$	**177,615.00**	$	**197,202.00**	$	**215,225.00**

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1.	_Bonds, Insurance and Initial Set-Up Expense ($6,300.00 Max)	1	LS	6,300.00	6,300.00	6,300.00	6,300.00
2.	_Audio Visual Record of all Construction Influence Areas	1	LS	1,750.00	1,750.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
3.	_Project Cleanup	1	LS	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
4.	Erosion Control, Inlet Protection, Fabric Drop	10	Ea	100.00	1,000.00	100.00	1,000.00
5.	Sidewalk, Rem	25	Syd	14.00	350.00	15.00	375.00
6.	_Driveway, Conc, Rem	20	Syd	17.50	350.00	15.00	300.00
7.	_Maintenance Aggregate, 21AA	4	Cyd	50.00	200.00	100.00	400.00
8.	_Fence, Remove and Replace	25	Ft	90.00	2,250.00	60.00	1,500.00
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18.	_Dr Structure Frame and Cover, Sanitary Manhole	1	Ea	750.00	750.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
19.	_Sewer Repr, Remove and Replace 06 inch - 12 inch, 0 Ft - 12 Ft Depth	25	Ft	1,850.00	46,250.00	1,100.00	27,500.00
20.	_Sewer Repr, Remove and Replace 15 inch - 21 inch, 0 Ft - 12 Ft Depth	25	Ft	2,000.00	50,000.00	1,700.00	42,500.00
21.	_Sewer Repr, Remove and Replace 15 inch - 21 inch, 12 Ft - 24 Ft Depth	20	Ft	2,500.00	50,000.00	4,000.00	80,000.00
22.	_Sewer Repr, Install Straight Tee (06 inch-12 inch x 6 inch) Dia, SDR 26	3	Ea	550.00	1,650.00	2,000.00	6,000.00
23.	_Sewer Repr, Install Straight Tee (15 inch-21 inch x 6 inch) Dia, SDR 26	5	Ea	1,500.00	7,500.00	3,000.00	15,000.00

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28.	_Cold Patch	5	Ton	300.00	1,500.00	300.00	1,500.00
29.	Cement	5	Ton	220.00	1,100.00	100.00	500.00
30.	Driveway, Nonreinf Conc, 6 inch,	20	Syd	77.00	1,540.00	155.00	3,100.00
31.	Sidewalk, Conc, 4 inch	175	Sft	12.75	2,231.25	17.00	2,975.00
32.	Sidewalk, Conc, 6 inch	50	Sft	13.75	687.50	21.00	1,050.00
33.	_Surface Restoration, Sodding	30	Syd	65.00	1,950.00	150.00	4,500.00
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36.	_Deliverables	1	LS	500.00	500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
		TOTAL AMOUNT BID		**$**	**258,743.75 ***	**$**	**277,590.00**

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SCHOOL FACILITIES

1. BARNES SCHOOL
2. FERRY ELEMENTARY
3. MASON ELEMENTARY
4. MONTIETH ELEMENTARY
5. PARCELLS MIDDLE SCHOOL
6. GROSSE POINTE NORTH H.S.
7. UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

CHURCH FACILITIES

8. CROSSPOINTE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
9. GPW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
10. OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA
11. ST. MICHAELS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CITY FACILITIES

12. CITY HALL COMPLEX
13. DPW
14. LIBRARY

PARKS AND RECREATION

15. CHENE-TROMBLEY PARK
16. GHESQUIRE PARK
17. SWEENEY PARK
18. LOCHMOOR COUNTRY CLUB

OCR Location
City Major
County Primary
City Limits
Right of Way

ANDERSON, ECKSTEIN AND WESTRICK, INC.
CIVIL ENGINEERS SURVEYORS ARCHITECTS

DATE PRINTED:	September 25, 2025	DATE CREATED:	July 16, 2025
SCALE:	1" = 1,000'	MAP DOCUMENT:	2026 OCR Sections
PROJECT NO.	0150-0510	DRAWN BY:	CHECKED BY:

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS MICHIGAN
CORPORATE SEAL

City of Grosse Pointe Woods

2026 Sewer Rehabilitation by Open Cut Repairs

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CALL MISS DIG
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