



VIA EMAIL

August 13, 2025

Sean O'Keefe
Town Manager
Town of Howey-in-the-Hills
101 North Palm Avenue
Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida 34737

Re: **TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS – WATER TREATMENT PLANT #3**
BID RECCOMENDATION (HALFF AVO 055783.001)

Dear Mr. O'Keefe:

We are in receipt of the bids for the above referenced project, which were opened at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 12, 2025. We have reviewed the bid packages for completeness and accuracy, and have checked references and bid requirements for the apparent low bidder. The results of the bid opening, are as follows:

	Bidder's Name	Bid Amount
1.	RCM Utilities, LLC	\$ 8,864,055.00
2.	Trias Construction, LLC	\$ 9,209,460.00
3.	L7 Construction, Inc.	\$ 9,897,000.00
4.	Prime Construction Group, Inc.	\$ 10,970,000.00
5.	Sawcross, Inc.	\$ 11,146,000.00
6.	Carhart Construction Company – Florida, LLC	\$ 13,293,113.75

Based upon our review of the bids for completeness and the Contractor's Schedule of Values, as well as the positive references from previous clients, we would recommend approval of the bid provided by the apparent low bidder, RCM Utilities, LLC in the amount of \$8,864,055.00. It is noted that there is a minor discrepancy between the written word amount and the numerical amount on the Bid Form from RCM Utilities. The written word amount is \$8,864,055.00 which is the sum of the total unit prices on the bid and the numerical amount listed on the bid form is \$8,865,055.00.

Should you have any questions with regards to this matter, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,
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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Troy Mitchell", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Troy Mitchell, P.E.
Senior Civil Engineer
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Howey-in-the-Hills Water Treatment Plant No. 3
RFB 2025-007 Bid Comparision (August 12, 2025)

				RCM Utilities, LLC		Trias Construction, LLC		L7 Construction, Inc.		Prime Construction Group, Inc.		Sawcross, Inc.		Cathcart Construction Company	
Item #	Description	Estimated Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price
1	General Requirements	1	LS	\$90,860.00	\$90,860.00	\$269,280.00	\$269,280.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$450,000.00	\$450,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
2	Mobilization/Demobilization	1	LS	\$95,852.00	\$95,852.00	\$151,403.00	\$151,403.00	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$450,000.00	\$450,000.00	\$387,683.75	\$387,683.75
3	Indemnification (\$1,000 min.)	1	LS	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00
4	Town of Howey-In-The-Hills Permitting (Allowance)	1	Allowance	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
5	Office Furnishings (Allowance)	1	Allowance	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
6	Material Testing as specified in Section 01410 (Allowance)	1	Allowance	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
7	Power Company Connection as specified in Section 16050 (Allowance)	1	Allowance	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
8	All materials, equipment, and work for construction of the Water Treatment Plant No. 3	1	LS	\$8,447,923.00	\$8,447,923.00	\$8,616,581.00	\$8,616,581.00	\$9,125,000.00	\$9,125,000.00	\$10,040,744.00	\$10,040,744.00	\$6,185,000.00	\$6,185,000.00	\$12,508,023.75	\$12,508,023.75
9	All other work not listed in Items 1 through 9 (List Below)	1	LS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$3,760,000.00	\$3,760,000.00	\$106,250.00	\$106,250.00
10	Payment and Performance Bond	1	LS	\$128,420.00	\$128,420.00	\$71,196.00	\$71,196.00	\$170,000.00	\$170,000.00	\$78,255.00	\$78,255.00	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$182,406.25	\$182,406.25
	Total Base Bid Price				\$8,864,055.00		\$9,209,460.00		\$9,897,000.00		\$10,970,000.00		\$11,146,000.00		\$13,293,113.75