

Mayor Stephanie Miller  
Hyrum City Corporation  
60 West Main Street  
Hyrum, UT 84319

March 28, 2023

**RE: 2022-23 Water Improvements – Contract Award Recommendation**

Dear Mayor Miller,

AQUA Engineering, Inc. has evaluated the two bid received via direct solicitation from Kilgore, DBA LeGrand Johnson Construction Company (LGCC), and Birch Creek Excavation. A bid tabulation for each is included for review.

As you know, this project was bid via a public bidding process (QuestCDN.com) that was open to any and all contractors wishing to provide a cost to complete the scope of work. This process yielded a single bid submitted by Ormond Construction with a submitted bid amount in excess of 3 times the budget amount for the project. As outlined in a "Recommendation of Bid Rejection" letter dated March 15, 2023 prepared by AQUA Engineering, that bid was officially rejected and posted on QuestCDN. It is our understanding that the city, per its own procurement policy, has the option to directly pursue price quotes from contractors after an unsuccessful public bid process.

Of the two solicited bids received, Kilgore, DBA LeGrand Johnson Construction Company was the apparent low bidder with a total bid of \$571,516.14. The engineer's estimate for this project, including a 10% construction contingency, is \$550,000.

It is our recommendation that the city award the project to LJCC in the amount of \$571,516.14. The city and AQUA have extensive experience working with LJCC over the last 20 years and know them to be a qualified, experienced contractor capable of completing the work.

Sincerely,

**AQUA ENGINEERING, INC.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darin Hawkes".

Darin Hawkes, P.E.  
Principal