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SENT VIA E-MAIL (jparham@lakeworthbeachfl.gov)

City of Lake Worth Beach
Julie Parham, P.E.
Assistant Director
301 College Street
Lake Worth Beach, FL 33460

Re: IFB #23-110 South Palm Park Sea Level Rise Mitigation
Award Recommendation

Dear Ms. Parham,

Chen Moore and Associates (CMA) has conducted a review of the three (3) bids received on July 6, 2023 for the IFB #23-110 South Palm Park Sea Level Rise Mitigation Project. The lowest bidder is Close Construction Services with a total submitted bid of \$1,097,282.00. The second lowest bidder is Ferreira Construction Co., Inc. with a total submitted bid of \$1,225,307.00 and the third bidder is Hinterland Group, Inc. with a total submitted bid of \$1,435,435.00.

The engineer's opinion of probable cost was \$749,000.00, and therefore Close Construction Services' bid price is higher than the engineer's estimate. When a project bid is higher than the engineer's estimate, it is prudent for the Engineer and the City to evaluate if there are components of the project that caused the cost to come in so high, and if any value engineering could reduce this construction cost. After further review, it is our opinion that there are no project components that could be redesigned to reduce the cost while still meeting the overall goal of the project. Considering that all three (3) bids are higher than the estimate, and only three (3) bids were submitted, while there were eleven (11) companies that requested and reviewed the plans. It is CMA's opinion that the cost submitted by Close Construction Services is the lowest amount that the City can successfully construct the project for at this time.

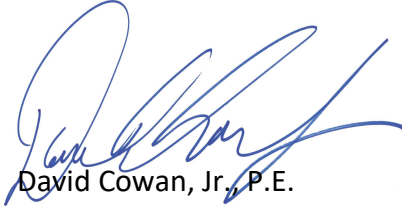
The references submitted by Close Construction Services were contacted as part of the bid evaluation. The reference check performed included questions verifying the type of work completed and contractor performance during the project. As of the date of this letter, two (2) of the references responded and commented on the quality of Close Construction Services' work performed. No responses at this time appear to be of the nature that would be unqualifying.

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In conclusion, Close Construction Services was identified as the lowest bidder, is qualified to perform the work, and submitted bid prices reflective of the current market conditions. CMA recommends the award of this contract to Close Construction Services based on the unit prices submitted, for a total bid price of **\$1,097,282.00**.

Respectfully submitted,



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Senior Engineer
Chen Moore and Associates