



MUNICIPAL ENGINEERING, INC.

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13 July 2024

Michael Ambrose, Town Manager
Town of Landis
312 South Main Street
Landis, NC 28088

RE: Recommendation for Award
Town of Landis
100,000-gallon Elevated Water Tank
DWI Funding #SRP-D-ARP-0201
MEI Project No: G22124

Dear Mr. Ambrose,

In accordance with a public advertisement, bids for the above-referenced project were received at 11:00 AM, 11 July 2024, at the Town of Landis Town Hall. The bids were opened at the prescribed time, place, and manner as required by North Carolina General Statute §143-129. Municipal Engineering, Inc. (MEI) has reviewed the bid documents received. The Town received three bids, which appear to be in order. The following is a summary of the Certified Bid Tabulation attached to this letter.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Total Unit Price Bid</u>
Maguire Iron, Inc.	\$1,710,000 – base bid (multi-leg) \$1,725,000 – alternate bid (spheroid)
Phoenix Fabricators and Erectors, Inc.	\$1,889,191 – base bid (multi-leg) \$1,928,969– alternate bid (spheroid)
* Caldwell Tanks, Inc.	\$1,992,000 – base bid (multi-leg) No bid – alternate bid (spheroid)

* The Caldwells Tanks, Inc. bid was nonresponsive: the bid price for mobilization (\$115,000) exceeded the maximum allowable 2% of bid. It is included here solely for the sake of completeness.

The Phonix Fabricators and Erectors, Inc. bid had two minor irregularities.

1. Phoenix did not multiply the unit price of Bid Item 11 (Seeding and Mulching) by the number of units (0.5 acres), and carried through the the unit price as the item price. The Certified Bid Tab shows the corrected item and sum bid prices.

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2. Phoenix did not attach *the Good Faith Efforts Form* nor *Table A* from the Federal MBE special conditions. I have confirmed with the funding agency that this is a minor error which the Town of Landis could waive.

Maguire Iron, Inc. submitted the lowest responsive bid and meets the requirements to perform the value and scope of work proposed:

According to the North Carolina Licensing Board for General Contractors, **Maguire Iron, Inc.**, located in Sioux Falls, SD, holds valid Unlimited (size) Public Utilities (type) License No. **L.78997**.

Although I have not, other engineers at MEI have worked with Maguire Iron, Inc. on other projects in North Carolina. They found them reputable and dependable, performing good quality work.

Municipal Engineering, Inc. is pleased to recommend the Town award either the **\$1,710,000** construction contract or the bid alternate of \$1,725,000 to **Maguire Iron, Inc.**, contingent upon funding being available. Please note if the **Town of Landis** is unable to successfully award the construction contract within sixty-one (61) days of receipt of bids (**10 September 2024**), the bidders are under no obligation to honor the bid as submitted and may withdraw their bids without penalty unless the bid is extended in writing.

MEI is pleased to be of continued service to the Town of Landis. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Vincent Jude Tomaino, PE
Principal Project Manager

Enclosure: Certified Bid Tabulation

CC:

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