

May 5, 2022

Mayor and Council Members
4303 Lawrenceville Road
Loganville, GA 30052

Re: LMIG Paving Project
Our Reference No. 210180

Dear Honorable Mayor and Council:

We have reviewed the bids received at City Hall, at 2:00 p.m., local time on April 27, 2022 for construction of the referenced project. Three (3) bids were received; one non-responsive bid was rejected. The following is a summary of the two (2) low bids.

	<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
1.	East Coast Grading, Inc. P.O. Box 579 Rutledge, GA 30663	\$378,334.02
2.	Shepco Paving, Inc. 4080 McGinnis Ferry Road, Suite 203 Alpharetta, GA 30005	\$386,153.10

A certified tabulation of all bids received is attached. A copy of the tabulation has been emailed to each bidder for their information.

Each bidder submitted a 5% bid bond from a surety company listed on U. S. Treasury Circular 570 (04/29/22).

The low bidder, East Coast Grading, Inc. appears to have met all of the required qualifications. Keck & Wood, Inc. has worked with East Coast Grading, Inc. on similar projects and considers East Coast Grading, Inc. to be capable of performing the required activities to complete the project.

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The City has expressed the desire to add a portion of an additional road to the contract. The additional costs of this section will be \$6,938.50. Keck & Wood, Inc., therefore, recommends contract award to East Coast Grading, Inc. in the amount of \$385,272.52 for construction of the LMIG Paving Project. The Engineering fees during the Construction Administration period will be billed hourly, not to exceed \$8,500. The total of the contract and engineering fees comes to \$393,772.52.

Western Surety Company is the surety company for the recommended bidder's bid bond and will likely be the surety company used for the payment and performance bonds on the project. In addition to being listed on the U.S. Treasury Department Circular 570, the surety is shown as being licensed in Georgia, having an Active/Compliance status, and with an underwriting limitation that is greater than the bond amount. Please note that in accordance with Georgia Law (OCGA 36-91-40 (a)(2)), the City must have an "officer of the government entity" to "approve as to form and as to the solvency of the surety" for the proposed surety company named above. We recommend that your legal counsel be contacted to handle or suggest the procedures necessary to comply with this Georgia law. We can provide additional information on this issue if needed.

If there are any questions, please contact our office.

Very truly yours,

KECK & WOOD, INC.



Aaron Humphrey, P.E.

