



February 10, 2026

Jeffrey W. Lord
Town Administrator
Town of Moncks Corner, SC
118 Carolina Avenue, Moncks Corner, SC 29461

Re: **Recommendation of Award**
Town of Moncks Corner Winter Street Drainage Improvements Project (RIA State Grant No. S-26-1434)

Dear Mr. Lord,

On February 4, 2026, ten bids were received for the referenced project. The lowest bid received was from W.E. Davis Construction with a base bid amount of \$679,075.42 before any adjustments were made.

Review and tabulation of the bid was completed by checking the multiplication of bid quantity and unit price, the sum of the costs for each bid subcategory, and the maximum unit price specified for items within the Contract Documents.

Discrepancies were noted in six (6) line items of the low bidder's base bid due to mathematical error between the product of the listed quantities and Bidder's provided unit price. These errors were corrected and described in the attached Certified Bid Tabulation. Five out of the six mathematical errors resulted in a total price change of less than \$1.00 for the associated item. The largest revision was for Item 7 in the paving items, which resulted in a total item price increase of \$12,000. The corrections noted were deemed minor and acceptable by the Town and Engineer, and it is to be noted that the mathematical corrections did not change W.E. Davis Construction from being the low bidder. As a result of these corrections, the revised total base bid is \$691,075.62.

The largest discrepancy noted within the bid tab was Item 8 of the drainage items, which is the box culvert item and represents a major portion of the project scope. The bidder submitted a unit price of \$92.00 and a total price of \$172,500.00. The provided unit price mathematically results in a total price of \$8,464 for this item, which is \$164,036 less than the provided total price for the item. W.E. Davis Construction has provided a written letter describing this as a clerical error that has been attached.

This item has been deemed a "mistake of fact" (or clerical error) and corrected to a unit price of \$1,875.00 to equal the provided total item price of \$172,500.00 and aligns with South Carolina Office of State Engineer Manual for Planning and Execution of State Permanent Improvements (2023 Edition), Chapter 6, Section 6.8.C for the following reasons:

- The unit price provided matches the item quantity of 92.00 exactly.
- The error would result in a reduction of \$164,036 in the bidder's total base bid and clearly represents a substantial loss for the bidder and a majority of the project cost.
- The upward correction does not change the position of the low bidder.

Cost reasonableness was evaluated for the received bid and was deemed to be reasonable per our review. The Preliminary Opinion of Probable Cost for the project that was submitted with the grant application stated a total construction cost with contingencies at approximately \$1.6 million. The total bid is within an acceptable price range to the preliminary estimate and is considered to be reasonable against current market conditions.



Based upon review of the submitted qualifications, we feel that W.E. Davis Construction is a qualified and responsible contractor capable of performing the work. Seamon, Whiteside & Associates, Inc. hereby recommends that the base bid be awarded to the low bidder, W.E. Davis Construction at a total Contract price of \$691,075.62.

Should you have any questions or need additional information please call our office.

Sincerely,

Seamon, Whiteside & Associates, Inc.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ryne C. Phillips".

Ryne C. Phillips, PhD, PE
Director | Water Resources

Enclosures:

- Certified Bid Tabulation
- W.E. Davis Construction Clerical Error Letter