

**From:** [Daniel Virgen](#)  
**To:** [Eric Weck](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Area M-2 - Weka Protest to Bid  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 4, 2026 10:56:22 AM  
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**From:** Steve Ledbetter <sledbetter@tkeengineering.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 5, 2026 6:47 PM  
**To:** Eric Weck <eweck@mswd.org>  
**Cc:** Daniel Virgen <dvirgen@mswd.org>; Marvin Lara <mlara@tkeengineering.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Area M-2 - Weka Protest to Bid

Hi Eric,

We have gone through the bid packages for the two lowest bidders; our initial findings are below for you review and consideration.

- Gentry General – DISQUALIFIED DUE TO REASONS NOTED IN RED
  - One subcontractor performing 29% of total work
  - Only acknowledged Addenda 2, 3, & 4
  - Zero manufacturers listed
  - Schedule C-1 – Form was not signed
  - Zero DBE Good Faith Efforts
  - Bid Bond dated 12/9/2025
    - Addendum 8 states Bid Bond shall be as of 1/15/2026
  - Reference calls were not made due to being disqualified
  
- WEKA Inc. – LOWEST QUALIFIED BIDDER
  - Four subcontractors performing 12.5% of total work
  - Acknowledged all 8 Addenda
  - All manufacturers listed
  - Schedule C-1 – Form signed and wages listed
  - More than six DBE Good Faith Efforts
  - Bid Bond dated 1/15/2026
  - Reference calls not made today. Multiple reference calls made for previous projects.

Based on our finding, we strongly recommend disqualifying Gentry General due to significant errors and omissions in their bid package, and awarding the project to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, WEKA.

Below are a few additional notes to consider:

- TKE has experience with both contractors. We know Gentry General to be primarily a roadway contractor, whereas WEKA is a pipeline contractor.
  - Gentry General only lists two sewer project, with all project listed <\$3M
  - WEKA provided a list 22 pages long of water/sewer/storm projects, with several sewer projects in the \$10M-\$30M range
- In addition, based on our experience with Gentry General, we do not anticipate them pursuing litigation related to their bid being rejected. Nor do we believe there is significant risk for MSWD due to the glaring errors and omissions in their bid package.
  - Perhaps MSWD's legal counsel can weigh in on if they think Gentry General would even have standing to pursue litigation.
- The PIP Paving costs have been reduced from an average of \$7.65/SF in August to \$5.03/SF now
  - WEKA's paving cost has been reduced by \$2.23M
  - We believe this is due to both the County relaxing the paving section requirements and requiring trenching during construction, with PIP at the end of construction.

Please review and let us know next steps. We are pausing our bid review here until we have direction from MSWD.

Thanks,



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**Subject:** Area M-2 - Weka Protest to Bid

Good afternoon Steve-

Attached is the protest letter we received from WEKA pertaining to the M-2 Bid for your information.

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