



**CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL  
NOVEMBER 17, 2025**

**SUBJECT:** Consider a contract with Christman Construction to serve as the City's construction manager for the 2025 Public Safety Bond Facilities project, in the amount not to exceed \$4,821,079. Final form of the agreement is subject to review and final approval by the City Attorney and City Manager

**SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT:** City Manager

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

|                               | <b>FY 25/26</b>       | <b>Total</b>          |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>EXPENDITURE REQUIRED</b>   | <b>\$ 4,821,079</b>   | <b>\$ 4,821,079</b>   |
| <b>BUDGET</b>                 |                       |                       |
| 1. 2025 Bond Proceeds         | <b>\$ 120,000,000</b> | <b>\$ 120,000,000</b> |
| <b>APPROPRIATION REQUIRED</b> | <b>\$</b>             | <b>\$</b>             |
| <b>FUND BALANCE IMPACT</b>    | <b>\$ N/A</b>         | <b>\$ N/A</b>         |

**KEY HIGHLIGHTS:**

- In consultation with the Owners Representative (PMR), the City advertised and received four bids for construction management services
- Interviews of all applicants occurred with the administration, resulting in a recommendation of two firms for the Finance and Administration Committee (FAC) to consider
- Oliver Hatcher and Christman were interviewed, with the result from the bid documents and interviews being a recommendation from the FAC for Christman Construction.
- The Initial design phase—which begins now and continues into next year—is a preconstruction service. These services support design development and cost refinement. Those services provided by Christman were bid at \$218,111

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

With the passage of the bond to finance Public Safety Facilities in August, in conjunction with the City's contract Owner's representative (PMR), the Administration assisted with interviewing four (4) firms that submitted proposals for

general construction management services for the new buildings. The firms suggested to be interviewed by PMR were:

- Oliver Hatcher
- Christman
- DeMaria
- Clark

Representatives from PMR, along with Chief Zinser, Chief Martin, Charles Boulard, and Victor Cardenas, all participated in the interviews. Based on the interviews and performance by the four firms, two of the firms, Oliver Hatcher and Christman, were suggested to appear before the Finance and Administration Committee on October 21, 2025. Both firms showcased their significant experience and backgrounds in managing construction projects. Christman specifically stood out to the FAC committee with their experience, currently working on projects on Haggerty Road at Schoolcraft College and in the City of Lansing, where they are constructing a Public Safety Campus.

In Christman's proposal, they state that: "Christman's purpose is to Unite People in Great Achievement, and our proven ability to deliver complex, high-profile public safety projects exemplifies that mission. Our team stands ready to bring unmatched commitment, expertise, and community focus to Novi, centered on the following: Proven Team: The same trusted team that successfully led the Lansing Public Safety Complex will be at the heart of this effort, bringing proven experience, deep knowledge, and seamless collaboration. By naming these key staff members to your project, we are not just offering resumes—we are offering a team that has already demonstrated their ability to navigate complex challenges, meet critical deadlines, and deliver a facility that serves the community for decades to come. This continuity of leadership and expertise is what sets us apart and ensures your project will be in the most capable hands.

Unparalleled Preconstruction Services: Our history of reliable estimate-to-bid accuracy gives owners confidence that scope is maximized, risks are minimized, and projects progress smoothly from design through delivery.

Construction Management Services: Christman is routinely selected for mission-critical facilities that require rigorous attention to budget, schedule, and quality. We are proud to count long-standing clients such as the State of Michigan, U.S. General Services Administration, FEMA, and multiple municipalities across Southeast Michigan among our partners in success.

A Focus on Partnership: We believe great projects are built on trust, collaboration, and transparency. Our long-standing relationship with Plante Moran Realpoint reinforces our ability to deliver seamlessly as a unified team, while our extensive network of trade partners ensures strong bid coverage and quality field execution."

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