

October 27, 2020

Chief Thomas Walker
Fire Department
The City of Tupelo
P.O. Box 1485
Tupelo, MS 38802-1485

Re: The City of Tupelo
Fire Station #2
Tupelo, Mississippi
Bid Number 2020-035FD
PryorMorrow Project Number 2020502

Dear Chief Walker:

Bids on the above referenced project were received on Tuesday, October 13, 2020, from eight (8) general contractors. These contractors are as follows:

- Burton Builders, Inc., of Belmont, Mississippi
- C I G Contractors, Inc., of Corinth, Mississippi
- Century Construction Group, Inc., of Tupelo, Mississippi
- DC Services, LLC, of Oxford, Mississippi
- Flagstar Construction Company, Inc., of Brandon, Mississippi
- Hooker Construction, Inc., of Thaxton, Mississippi
- McCarty King Construction Company of Tupelo, Mississippi
- Worsham Brothers Construction, LLC, of Corinth, Mississippi

Ben Logan, Attorney for The City of Tupelo, opened the eight (8) bids after 2:00 p.m. and read each bid aloud. Enclosed for your records is a certified bid tabulation form.

I have reviewed the bids submitted. All bids are competitive but exceed the funds available. In recent conversations with contractors, subcontractors, and material suppliers, it has been determined that COVID-19 has had severe impact on the availability and cost of construction materials. For this reason, it is my recommendation that the bids be rejected and that the project be re-bid at a future date when the economic outlook is more favorable. I have included information provided to me by the lowest bidder, Burton Builders, and its subcontractors. This information pertains to the sharp increase in the price of materials. I am hopeful that costs will be reduced in the not-too-distant future.



Columbus, MS

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Tupelo, MS

Rud B. Robison, Jr., AIA : William V. Dexter, Jr., AIA
P.O. Box 7066 : 1150 S. Green St., Ste. 1F : Tupelo, MS 38802 : P 662 840 8062 : F 662 840 8092

Brandon, MS

J. Guadalupe Arellano, AIA
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I will continue to monitor costs associated with construction and materials and will keep you informed as to any indications of change.

It is a pleasure to work with you on this project. We appreciate the opportunity to be the design professional for the new Fire Station #2. I look forward to a successful rebid and a successful project.

Sincerely,



Rud B. Robison, Jr., AIA

RBR/krs

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Don Lewis, Chief Operations Officer, The City of Tupelo
Ms. Kim Hanna, City Clerk, The City of Tupelo
Ms. Becky Bell, Business Manager, PryorMorrow PC

Burton Builders, Inc.
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Belmont, MS 38827
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October 16, 2020

Mayor and Tupelo City Council
Tupelo, MS


Re: #2 Fire Station Cost Increases

To All:

We have attached letters from our anticipated subs on the above project showing that, due to the ongoing health situation in our country and the supply and demand situation, you-all can understand some of the reasons costs for building projects are going thru the roof.

As you can see by the attached letters, 25% and 30% increases are common now and lumber prices have over doubled in the past few months as compared to a year ago.

Thank you,


Tim Burten
President
Burton Builders, Inc.

RYMCO USA

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September 18, 2020

To Our Valued Customers:

Please be advised, that effective immediately, RYMCO USA will increase pricing on all new orders of Steel Conduit EMT, Color EMT, IMC, RMC, and strut products. This increase is a result of continued strong demand and increased raw material costs, as well as a shortage of steel in the international marketplace.

All orders received and booked prior to this announcement will be price protected for shipments through September 25th, 2020. New orders, quotes and contracts not previously confirmed by RYMCO USA will be subject to this increase.

We at RYMCO USA value your relationship and look forward to serving your needs in the future. Please feel free to contact your Sales Representative if you have any questions. We appreciate your business and your continued support.

Sincerely,

**RYMCO Management
Vice President Sales – Mauricio Bielaz
Vice President Operations – Jesse Ghitman**



**Lauderdale
Mechanical Group, Inc.**

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Tupelo, MS 38803
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MS Certificate of Responsibility 11706

October 19, 2020

Burton Builders
#55 Highway 33 East
Belmont, MS 38827

Re: City of Tupelo
Fire Station No. 2

If you have picked up any construction magazine or trade newsletter in the last nine months then you know building cost have increased significantly due to Covid-19. In Mechanical construction, in particular, we have seen price increases in almost all equipment, plumbing fixtures, and sheet metal products. Most suppliers are only guaranteeing their pricing for up to 30 days. In these uncertain times suppliers have experienced and expect more manufacturing shut downs and delayed shipments.

In my experience, the largest contributor to increased building cost is due to loss of production and a labor shortage. Loss of production is a reoccurring problem due to quarantining and extended time off due to the virus. We have many open positions and not enough qualified candidates. This has led to increased wages and benefits to successfully complete the projects. This, coupled with the material cost increases, has led to our projects costing approximately 20-25% more than this time last year.

Regards,

Tina L. Blanton
President



Tim Burton,

Bid Project: Tupelo Fire Station #2 – Tupelo, MS.

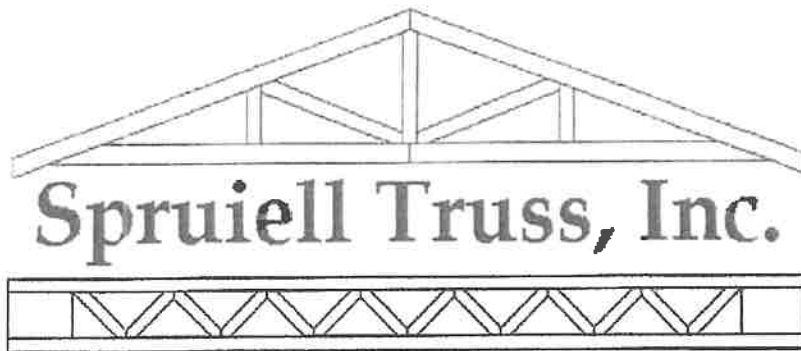
Since March 2020, the fire sprinkler contractor industry has received the following price increase notifications:

- Fire Grooved Materials – 15%
- Wall Posts – 8%
- Iron Body Valves – 8%
- Ames Colt Series Backflow – 6%
- Ames 2000SS-5000SS Backflow – 4%
- Watts 757/957 Backflow – 6%
- Ames In Building Riser – 6%
- Watts Small Diameter Backflow 007/009 – 10%
- Watts Large Diameter Backflow 709/909 – 4%
- Ames ACV – 4%
- Febco Large Diameter Backflow – 4%
- Milwaukee Valve has announced an approximate 4% increase on all products.
- Eaton B-Line, Tolco Pipe Hangers and Accessories – 3.5%
- System Sensor has announced an additional increase of 2.5% to all products.
- Merit Brass has announced an approximate 8% increase on domestic leaded brass threaded fittings.
- We have received notification (Aug-2020) from all domestic steel pipe manufacturers of an approximate 5% increase on all fire sprinkler pipe effective immediately.
- Eaton B-Line, Tolco Pipe Hangers and Accessories - 5%
- NIBCO, Inc., Fire Protection Valves – 3%
- NIBCO, Inc., Commercial and Industrial Butterfly Valves – 3%
- Fabrication Shops/Suppliers (Oct-2020): "As of recent weeks, we have had close to a 10% increase in pipe that has stuck. Scrap is on the rise as well. Talking to the pipe manufacturers I am being told that they are expecting in the next week or so to announce another 5% increase with another 5% between that announcement and January 1, 2021. Just wanted to let you know what we are hearing and a 20% increase before the end of the year I felt warranted a quick email."

Due to our ever-growing inside (Office) and outside (Field Crews) labor-force, we also have given raises (well deserved). Therefore, our Design and Install labor rates have increased in 2020.

We understand that this bid project was over-budget; yet our company wanted to let you know of why our pricing may have been higher than the owner's early budget projections.

Should you have any questions, contact Keith Teeple at 662-397-5791 cell, or by email at keith@fireline-ms.com.



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October 15, 2020

RE: Tupelo Fire Station #2

To Whom It May Concern:

Due to lumber prices tripling in cost this year, the cost of the Fire Station #2 is 30%-40% higher than it would have been last year at this time.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Eastman", is written over the typed name.

Todd Eastman
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BID TABULATION FORM

The City of Tupelo
 Fire Station #2
 Tupelo, Mississippi
 Bid Number 2020-03SFD
 Pryor/Morrow Project Number 2020502

Date: Tuesday, October 13, 2020
 Time: 2:00 p.m.
 Location: Tax Office
 City Hall, 1st Floor
 71 East Troy Street
 Tupelo, Mississippi 38804

BIDDER CERTIFICATE OF RESPONSIBILITY NUMBER BID BOND	ADDENDA		BASE BID	ALTERNATES DEDUCTED FROM THE BASE BID		UNIT PRICE 1 (per cubic yard)	CHANGE ORDER %	
	1	2		1 (deductive)	2 (deductive)		+	-
	Burton Builders, Inc. # 05985-MC 5% SureTec Insurance Company	√		√	\$1,780,000.00		(\$73,000.00)	(\$5,000.00)
C I G Contractors, Inc. # 02738-MC 5% Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America	√	√	\$2,013,000.00	(\$38,900.00)	(\$12,600.00)	\$26.40	15	5
Century Construction Group, Inc. # 11403-MC 5% Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America	√	√	\$2,017,000.00	(\$74,000.00)	(\$5,500.00)	\$28.00	15	5
DC Services, LLC # 21962-MC 5% Granite Rte, Inc.	√	√	\$2,045,000.00	(\$86,000.00)	(\$5,600.00)	\$19.00	16	8
Flagstar Construction Company, Inc. # 10817-MC 5% Arch Insurance Company	√	√	\$1,990,000.00	(\$82,000.00)	(\$5,400.00)	\$22.00	10	10
Hooker Construction, Inc. # 03552-MC 5% Western Surety Company	√	√	\$1,860,000.00	(\$48,000.00)	(\$14,000.00)	\$24.00	20	12
McCarty King Construction Company # 05687-MC 5% Western Surety Company	√	√	\$1,818,000.00	(\$41,465.00)	(\$12,045.00)	\$21.00	15	0
Worsham Brothers Construction, LLC # 21549-MC 5% American Contractors Indemnity Company	√	√	\$2,013,000.00	(\$87,000.00)	(\$5,900.00)	\$25.00	20	5

PRYORMORROW PC
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 1150 South Green Street, Building 1, Suite F (38804)
 Tupelo, Mississippi 38802-7066

The above bids were opened on Tuesday, October 13, 2020, and, to the best of our knowledge are correct as entered above.

Rud B. Robison, Jr., AIA

Rud B. Robison, Jr., AIA
 Principal