

May 22, 2013

Mr. John Shutak
Lawrence Utilities Department
P.O. Box 708
Lawrence, Kansas 66044-0708

RE: Recommendation for Award
Waterline Relocation Program
19th Street Waterline Relocation, Maple Lane to Harper Street
City Project No. UT 1105DS. PEC Project No. 12A04-003-3975

Dear John:

I have attached the May 21, 2013, bid tabulation for the above-referenced project for your records. Nowak Construction Company, Inc. of Goddard, Kansas, was the only contractor to submit a bid. PEC has evaluated the bid from Nowak Construction Company for accuracy, completeness and other applicable requirements and found it to be satisfactory. However, Nowak Construction Company's bid of \$454,409.40 was \$33,436.40 above the Engineer's Estimate of \$420,973.00.

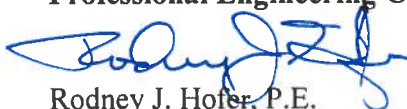
While attracting only one bid was disappointing, it is our opinion that the project received sufficient notice. In addition to the normal advertisement for bids, numerous contractors were notified directly about the project prior to its official advertisement. Planholders for the project included four contractors that were expected to bid. Three of these four contractors chose not to bid for reasons varying from having successfully bid a large project the previous week to declining to bid because they prefer bidding as a subcontractor rather than a general contractor.

The following attributes were considered in our evaluation:

- The City desires to complete this project in advance of street improvements
- Rebidding the project would delay the start of construction by at least a month and would not necessarily result in additional or lower bids
- Nowak Construction's bid is 7.36% higher than the Engineer's Estimate
- Nowak Construction has successfully performed numerous projects for the City of Lawrence over a number of years.

Therefore, PEC recommends that the City of Lawrence waive the Engineer's Estimate and award the construction contract for the 19th Street Waterline Relocation to Nowak Construction Company in the amount of their bid.

Very truly yours,
Professional Engineering Consultants, P. A.



Rodney J. Hofer, P.E.
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