



May 20, 2020

Attn: Mr. Don Chamblee, PE
Public Works Director
Lincoln County
115 W. Main Street
Lincolnton, NC 28092

**RE: Lincoln County, North Carolina
Killian Creek WWTP Ph 3 Upgrade
WKD Project Number #20170294.00.CL
Bid Tabulation and Recommendation**

Dear Mr. Chamblee:

Enclosed is the Certified Bid Tabulation for the subject project. The three lowest bidders, listed in ascending order, are PC Construction Company, Lane Construction Corporation, and Wharton-Smith, Inc.

During our review of the seven bids that were submitted for the project, we found the following math errors:

- PC Construction Company, rounded Line Item 5.04, Contingency Allowance up to the nearest dollar, from \$1,426,857.50 to \$1,426,858.00.
- Lane Construction, rounded Line Item 5.04, Contingency Allowance up the nearest dollar, from \$1,454,018.85 to \$1,454,019.00.

The Certified Bid Tabulation reflects the corrected numbers.

Other comments based on our review of the bid documents received from the three lowest bidders are as follows:

- All three bidders included the Owner preferred alternate equipment items as their base bid except for the electric motor actuators. All three bidders listed AUMA actuators as their base bid, offering a deduct averaging \$60,000.
- All three bidders acknowledged receipt of all five (5) addenda.

- There were no irregularities in the Statement of Qualifications submitted by any of the three lowest bidders. All provided substantial evidence of their qualifications to perform the work of the project.
- PC Construction, Lane and Wharton-Smith all provided the Good Faith Efforts Form earning greater than 50 points and identification of minority business participation with none meeting the 10% MBE/WBE goal for the project.

Since we have no recent experience with the work of PC Construction Company, we reviewed the Statement of Qualifications provided as part of the bid package required by the Contract documents. The Statement of Qualifications required examples of similar experience, references, safety records, etc.

The majority of the current and similar projects provided in PC Construction Company's Statement of Qualifications were plant projects located in the eastern United States. The company is headquartered in Vermont. We focused our reference research to similar projects in size and scope and located in the southeast. We contacted several references that were provided in the Statement of Qualifications. A detailed summary of feedback received is attached for your reference. In summary, the feedback was positive.

After contacting their references, reviewing their safety records, gaining an understanding of their knowledge of their experience with a project of this nature, review of their Statement of Qualifications, and their reputation throughout the industry, we feel confident that they are prepared and capable to perform the work. We believe that PC Construction Company provided the lowest responsive bid in the amount of \$29,964,007.50. This price does not include an additional \$57,000 for providing the Owner Preferred EIM electric motor actuators. Upon consulting with Lincoln County staff, it is agreed and recommended to utilize the contractors base bid equipment manufacturer, AUMA, for the electric motor actuators and forgo the additional cost.

Before proceeding we recommend that Lincoln County review the bid package provided by PC Construction Company thoroughly for consideration of selection for this project.

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We appreciate the opportunity to provide this service for Lincoln County, and we are available to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

W. K. Dickson & Co., Inc.



Ryan W. Hager, P.E.
Project Manager

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Enclosures: Tabulations of all bids received (sealed by engineer)
Summary of References