

September 19, 2025

Steve Kana, P.E.
Assistant City Engineer
City of Killeen, Texas
3201-A South WS Young Drive
Killeen, TX 76542

Re: Recommendation of Award for the 24-Inch Highway 195 and Chaparral Road Water Line Bid No. 26-07 (FNI Project #KIL17231).

Dear Mr. Kana:

On Wednesday, September 17, 2025, bids were opened for the above referenced project. Eight contractors submitted bids for this project. Freese and Nichols, Inc. (FNI) reviewed the bids for errors and omissions. All bidders acknowledged the addenda and provided bid security. A summary of the bids received is provided in the table below, and the detailed bid tabulation is attached.

BID SUMMARY

Bidder	Base Bid Amount (Ductile Iron Pipe)	Bid Alternate No. 1 (PVC Pipe)	Bid Alternate No. 2 (Ductile Iron Pipe with Auger Bore)	Bid Alternate No. 3 (PVC Pipe with Auger Bore)
Blackrock Construction	\$9,981,018.00	\$9,654,668.00	\$10,138,705.00	\$9,649,100.00
Cash Construction Company, Inc.	\$10,319,939.25	\$9,633,886.25	\$10,386,513.25	\$9,542,554.25
C.C. Carlton Industries, LTD.	\$10,641,151.40	\$10,331,110.40	\$10,862,213.40	\$10,422,929.40
S.J. Louis Construction of Texas, Ltd.	\$10,887,478.23	\$10,567,728.23	\$11,075,065.23	\$10,470,658.23
Bell Contractors, Inc	\$11,394,046.11	\$10,951,122.77	\$11,413,555.21	\$10,896,674.96
Takco, Inc.	\$11,916,341.73	\$11,533,550.24	\$22,557,862.85	\$22,068,338.78
Nelson Lewis, Inc.	\$13,540,624.00	\$11,878,014.00	\$13,787,554.00	\$11,884,684.00
Mach Energy Services	\$17,695,271.00	\$16,028,746.00	\$18,012,091.00	\$16,020,816.00

The bids include a base bid for ductile iron pipe, a bid alternate number 1 for PVC pipe, a bid alternate number 2 for ductile iron pipe with auger boring under driveways, and a bid alternate number 3 with PVC pipe with auger boring under driveways. FNI and City Staff have determined that the base bid for ductile iron pipe provides the City with the best long-term value for the project.

The lowest base bid was \$9,981,018.00 submitted by Blackrock Construction.



FNI contacted Blackrock Construction's references to verify quality of work on past projects. These references included Kevin Jaeger (817) 357-4491 with the City of Cleburne, Jessie Ortiz (469) 363-1474 with the City of Mesquite, Walter Solley (254) 523-8620 with STV, and Ulyess Lopez (210) 643-6927 with San Antonio Water Systems.

FNI examined the bid proposals submitted for this project to check for errors or omissions. There were no errors or omissions in Blackrock Construction's bid. FNI found Blackrock Construction's bid is accurate and provided the lowest base bid for the construction of the project. Based upon review of contractor's references, and the bid price, it is recommended that the project be awarded to Blackrock Construction for the base bid amount of \$9,981,018.00.

Sincerely,

Freese and Nichols, Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel Stoutenburg Jr.', with a date and time stamp below it.

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Daniel Stoutenburg Jr., P.E.
Project Manager