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Steve Kana, Director of Water & Sewer Utilities
City of Killeen
P.O. Box 1329
Killeen, TX 79540-1329

**Re: Letter of Recommendation for Award of Bid
Bid No. 24-28, Pump Station No. 2 Rehabilitation**

Dear Steve:

Four bids were received and opened at 2:15 p.m. on Thursday, February 6, 2024 for the Pump Station No. 2 Rehabilitation Project. The bid was structured with a base bid, six allowances, and one additive alternative. The additive alternate included a 300 kW Generator. The bids are as follows:

	Barsh Company	Bell Contractors	Matous Construction	Seneca Construction Management
Base Bid	\$2,272,859.14	\$2,660,436.79	\$2,811,176.14	\$2,803,407.12
Additive Alternate 1	\$130,000.00	\$182,385.48	\$145,000.00	\$176,555.88
Total Base Bid Plus Additive Alternate 1	\$2,402,859.14	\$2,842,822.27	\$2,956,176.14	\$2,979,963.00

The four bids were fairly competitive. For the Base Bid, the difference in bid prices between the high and low bidders was 21%. Likewise, the variance between the high and low bids including Additive Alternate No. 1 was also 21%.

Barsh Company's base bid price is 29% higher than the Engineer's OPCC of \$1,691,291.14 dated December 4, 2023. Their base bid plus additive alternate sum is 18% higher than the Engineer's OPCC of \$1,991,291.14. In comparing the contractors' bid prices to the Engineer's OPCC, the primary differences in price occurred in the building structural and façade work item, the electrical/controls work item, and the increase in bid allowances, including the CPUSA allowance of \$134,700.00 for SCADA/controls work that was added per Addendum 3.

Barsh Company listed T. Morales and the electrical subcontractor and also listed Smith Pump as the pump supplier. CP&Y, Inc. dba STV Infrastructure (STV) has worked successfully with Barsh Company in the past on the City of Waco Airport Pump Station project and the City of Woodway 2019 Street and Utility Reconstruction project. We did contact two references provided by the Contractor for similar project work and received favorable replies. The individuals contacted were both positive in their reviews and stated that each had worked with

Barsh Company on multiple projects, had been proactive and helpful in remedying unforeseen construction issues encountered while simultaneously continuing with construction, have been on schedule, and would recommend them for future projects. However, as with all references for project performance, many variable impact a contractor's performance, including the specific superintendent and work crew on the project. As a result, a contractor's successful past performance is not a guarantee of future similar performance.

Based on the above considerations, I recommend the City award the project for the Base Bid amount of \$2,272,859.14 to Barsh Company.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully Submitted,



Scott C. Wetzel, PE
Project Manager
CP&Y, Inc. dba STV Infrastructure

Attachment: Bid Tab for Bid No. 24-28

CC: Project File: CKIL2200977