

April 30, 2026

Paul Khera
Department of Aviation and Transit
Billings Logan International Airport
1901 Terminal Circle
Billings, MT 59105

RE: West Shuttle Parking Lot Construction
Billings Logan International Airport

Dear Paul,

Following the bid opening held on April 21, 2026, bids for the *West Shuttle Parking Lot Construction* project were reviewed for responsiveness, contractor qualifications, and compliance with the bidding documents.

A total of five (5) bids were received. All bidding documents submitted by Knife River – Billings were reviewed and found to be complete, responsive, and in conformance with the contract documents. Knife River submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid for Schedules 1 (Parking Lot Construction) and 2 (Lighting and Communication), totaling \$1,207,837.30. This is 8.8% lower than K2 Civil and 12% lower than the Engineering Estimate.

Based on the bid tabulation and evaluation, Knife River possesses the experience, personnel, and equipment necessary to successfully complete the project in accordance with the plans and specifications.

In addition, it is recommended that Additive Alternate No. 1 – Embankment be included in the contract award. Knife River submitted the lowest bid for Additive Alternate No. 1 in the amount of \$53,062.00, which aligns with the project's overall scope, available funding, and anticipated future projects. Incorporating Additive Alternate No. 1 at this time is advantageous to the Airport, as the Additive Alternative No. 1 price is approximately half of the second-lowest bidder. Knife River's unit price to grade and compact embankment fill for future phases is \$1.50 per cubic yard, which is approximately 35 percent lower than all other bid amounts, representing a significant cost benefit to the Airport.

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Recommendation:

Award the *West Shuttle Parking Lot Construction* contract to Knife River – Billings for:

- Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 in the amount of \$1,207,837.30, and
- Additive Alternate No. 1 in the amount of \$53,062.00,

for a total contract award of \$1,260,899.30, subject to execution of the contract documents and receipt of required bonds and insurance.

We have checked for debarment of the prime contractor. There is no record of debarment on the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS).

Sincerely,

MORRISON MAIERLE



Heather Mosser, P.E.
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