
R. Gutierrez Engineering Corporation

October 29, 2008

Hector "Tito" Palacios
County Commissioner
Hidalgo County Precinct No. 2
301 E. State Street
Pharr, TX 78577

RE: Recommendation for Award – McColl Road 72-inch Siphon
Project No: ENG03.024

Dear Commissioner Palacios:

On Wednesday, October 22, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. in the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department Conference Room, bids were opened and read aloud for the above project. Four (4) bids were received for this project. The low responsive base bid was for **\$511,466.00**. The lowest alternate bid was for **\$388,196.73**.

Attached is a copy of the Plan Holders List, Bid Proposal Forms, and Bid Tabulation Form. We have reviewed the bid submitted and are recommending award of the contract base bid to the lowest responsive bidder being **McAllen Construction, Inc.** from McAllen, Texas in the amount of **\$511,466.00**.

We are recommending the base bid over the alternate bid so that the project may proceed sooner. If the alternate bid is selected, the county will have to supply the 72-inch pipe for the project. In order to do this, the county will have to follow the competitive bidding procedures. The bidding procedure would take approximately 6 to 8 weeks at the minimum to complete and we are not sure how much money would actually be saved.

This project is on a tight schedule. The intent of this project is to allow for the relocation of the I.B.W.C. Floodway levees as soon as the project is completed. The levees can only be adjusted during the non-hurricane season from December 1 thru May 31. This project is scheduled to take approximately 75 calendar days to complete. If we award the project on November 4, 2008, contracts would be executed by the end of November. Construction would start in early December and end by mid February. This leaves only 3 ½ months to relocate the levees.

If we were to proceed with the bidding procedures to acquire the 72-inch pipe, we would be looking at advertising for bids on November 8th and 15th and open bids on November 26th. We would then have the information we need to make a decision on whether to award the base bid or the alternate bid. We would then be able to award a contract on December 2, 2008. Following the same timeline for execution of contracts and performing the work as shown above, the amount of time left to relocate the levees would be 2 ½ months.

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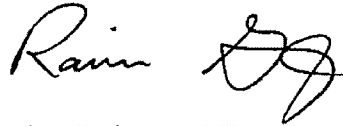
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The 2 ½ months is too short a time considering the possibility of delays due to weather and such. Therefore, as stated before, we are recommending awarding the base bid so that we may proceed with the construction as soon as possible.

If you require our assistance please do not hesitate to call us. We are ready to assist you in making this project a success. You can call me at 956-782-2557 or on my mobile at 956-227-2154.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ramiro" followed by a stylized monogram or initials.

Ramiro Gutierrez, P.E.
President

Attach

cc: Project Files

R. Gutierrez Engineering Corporation
 130 E. Park Avenue
 Pharr, Texas 78577

BID TABULATION
 MCCOLL ROAD IRRIGATION CANAL SIPHON

10/22/2008

DATE: 10/22/08
 TIME: 9:30 A.M.
 LOCATION: HIDALGO COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

Item Number	Estimated Quantity	Unit	Item Description	SUMMIT CONTRACTING, LTD		GO UNDERGROUND		GLOSNER CONSTRUCTION		MCALLEN CONSTRUCTION	
				Unit Bid	Total Bid	Unit Bid	Total Bid	Unit Bid	Total Bid	Unit Bid	Total Bid
132	4,038.00	CY	Embankment (Dens. Cont.)(Ty C)	\$ 11.00	\$ 44,418.00	\$ 6.20	\$ 25,035.60	\$ 14.75	\$ 59,560.50	\$ 12.00	\$ 48,456.00
400	571.00	CY	Cement Stabilized Backfill	\$ 50.00	\$ 28,550.00	\$ 55.55	\$ 31,719.05	\$ 85.00	\$ 48,535.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 34,260.00
400	357.00	CY	Cement-Gravel-Sand Bedding	\$ 35.00	\$ 12,495.00	\$ 63.20	\$ 22,562.40	\$ 90.00	\$ 32,130.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 16,065.00
402	506.00	LF	Trench Excavation Protection	\$ 1.50	\$ 759.00	\$ 36.28	\$ 18,357.68	\$ 25.00	\$ 12,650.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 53,130.00
420	22.00	CY	Concrete (CL C)(Concrete Collar)	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 24,200.00	\$ 678.00	\$ 14,916.00	\$ 385.00	\$ 8,470.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 11,000.00
432	273.00	CY	Concrete Riprap (CL B)(5")	\$ 530.00	\$ 144,690.00	\$ 414.00	\$ 113,022.00	\$ 320.00	\$ 87,360.00	\$ 475.00	\$ 129,675.00
466	2.00	EA	Concrete Headwall (Cast-in-Place)	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 19,220.00	\$ 38,440.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
496	80.00	LF	Remove Structure (Conc Box Culvert)	\$ 95.00	\$ 7,600.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 4,000.00
*4035	648.00	LF	RCLHPP (72")(ASTM C-361)(CL D-25) (USBR TY R-4 Joints)	\$ 270.00	\$ 174,960.00	\$ 315.03	\$ 204,139.44	\$ 309.00	\$ 200,232.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 116,640.00
4035	304.00	LF	RCLHPP (72")(ASTM C-361)(CL D-25) (USBR TY R-4 Joints) (Install Only)	\$ 101.00	\$ 30,704.00	\$ 122.00	\$ 37,088.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 50,160.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 18,240.00
TOTAL BASE BID AMOUNT:				\$ 518,376.00	\$ 513,280.17	\$ 524,097.50	\$ 511,466.00				

ALTERNATE BID ITEM(S)

4035	648.00	LF	RCLHPP (72")(ASTM C-361)(CL D-25) (USBR TY R-4 Joints) (Install Only)	\$ 101.00	\$ 65,448.00	\$ 122.00	\$ 79,056.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 106,920.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 38,880.00
TOTAL ALTERNATE BID AMOUNT:				\$ 408,864.00	\$ 388,196.73	\$ 430,785.50	\$ 433,706.00				

HIDALGO COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT BID TABULATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT NAME: HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT NO. 2

BID OPENING DATE: October 22, 2008

BID OPENING TIME: 9:30 A.M.

DESCRIPTION OF BID: "Construction of McColl Road Irrigation Cana Siphon "

BID NO: 2008-334-10-22-MSS

BUYER: Moises Salazar

BID # RFB#	NAME OF COMPANY	TOTAL PRICE	Alternate	Addendum 1	BID BOND OR CHECK INCLUDED
#1	Summitt Contracting LTD, Westlaco, TX	\$518,376. ⁰⁰	\$65,448. ⁰⁰	✓	✓
#2	Go Underground Const. Harlingen, TX	\$513,280.17	\$79,056. ⁰⁰	✓	✓
#3	Closner Const. Co. L.C. La Feria, TX	\$524,091.50	\$106,920. ⁰⁰	✓	✓
#4	McAllen Construction Inc. McAllen, TX	\$511,466. ⁰⁰	\$38,880. ⁰⁰	✓	✓
#5			\$433,106. ⁰⁰		
#6					
#7					
#8					
#9					