

(FINAL)

R. Gutierrez Engineering Corporation

September 17, 2009

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

RE: Revised Recommendation for Award – Pet 2 Office Complex Subdivision
Project No: ENG08.24L

Dear Commissioner Palacios:

On Wednesday, September 2, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. in the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department Conference Room, bids were opened and read aloud for the above captioned project. Eight (8) bids were received for this project. The low responsive base bid was for **\$486,660.30** from **Five Star Clarke Construction, L.L.C.**, from Rio Grande City, Texas. The lowest alternate bid was for **\$470,280.30** also from **Five Star Clarke Construction, L.L.C.**, from Rio Grande City, Texas.

There was a discrepancy in one of the bid items provided in the lowest base bid. The bidder used a \$1.00 per cubic yard unit bid price where the numeral unit bid is requested and spelled out \$27,000.00 per cubic yard where the written unit bid price is requested. Five Star Clarke Construction, L.L.C. has submitted a letter requesting that they be allowed to withdraw their bid.

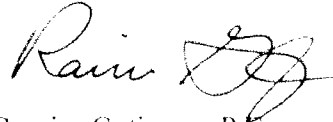
If the Commissioner's Court were to grant their request, the next responsive base bid is for **\$573,769.30** from **Garco Industries, Inc.**, from Pharr, Texas. The next lowest alternate bid is for **\$537,512.71** from **Saenz Utility Contractors, Ltd.**, from Edcouch, Texas.

Enclosed is a copy of the Plan Holders List, Bid Proposal Forms, and Bid Tabulation Form. We have reviewed the bids submitted and are recommending award of the contract base bid to the lowest responsive bidder being **Five Star Clarke Construction, L.L.C.**, from Rio Grande City, Texas, for **\$486,660.30**. However, if Commissioner's Court grants **Five Star Clarke Construction, L.L.C.**, their request, we recommend award of the contract to **Garco Industries, Inc.**, from Pharr, Texas in the amount of **\$573,769.30**.

We are recommending the base bid over the alternate bid. This is due to the fact that the base bid will require the contractor to supply the fill material and the alternate bid will require the Hidalgo County to supply the fill material and transport it to the construction site. When we add the cost of Hidalgo County providing the fill material, to the alternate bid, the total is higher than the base bid. A breakdown of the cost for the base bid and alternate bid with costs of Hidalgo County providing the fill material to the project is enclosed.

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 flourish.

Ramiro Gutierrez, P.E.
President

Encl

cc: Project Files

BID TABULATION
PCT. NO. 4 OFFICE COMPLEX SUBDIVISION

DATE: 09/02/19
TIME: 9:39 AM
LOCATION: HIDALGO COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

Item Number	Estimate#	Quantity	Unit	Item Description	CPC DESIGN CONSULTANTS		MF SITE CONSTRUCTION, INC.		ASADQ CONSTRUCTION		SABENZ UTILITY CONTRACTORS		5 STAR CONSTRUCTION		GARCO INDUSTRIES		JIMMY CLOISNER & SONS		D. WILSON CONSTRUCTION	
					Unit Bid	Total Bid	Unit Bid	Total Bid	Unit Bid	Total Bid	Unit Bid	Total Bid	Unit Bid	Total Bid	Unit Bid	Total Bid	Unit Bid	Total Bid	Unit Bid	Total Bid
1	27,200.00	1	EA	Site Preparation & Grading	\$ 8.32	\$ 27,200.00	\$ 4.41	\$ 120,343.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 48,903.00	\$ 4.41	\$ 120,343.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 15,660.00	\$ 0.75	\$ 27,200.00	\$ 11.00	\$ 300,300.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 216,400.00
2	15,660.00	1	EA	Site Utilities (Storm & Sewer)	\$ 1.50	\$ 15,660.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 15,660.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 48,903.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 15,660.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 15,660.00	\$ 0.95	\$ 14,882.70	\$ 1.75	\$ 27,415.50	\$ 2.00	\$ 31,330.00
3	18,000.00	1	EA	Site Utilities (Storm & Sewer)	\$ 1.50	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 0.95	\$ 17,100.00	\$ 1.75	\$ 31,330.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 36,000.00
4	15,660.00	1	EA	Site Utilities (Storm & Sewer)	\$ 8.03	\$ 15,660.00	\$ 6.09	\$ 96,405.94	\$ 5.00	\$ 78,330.00	\$ 6.09	\$ 96,405.94	\$ 4.50	\$ 70,642.50	\$ 6.95	\$ 109,876.70	\$ 6.50	\$ 101,826.00	\$ 4.74	\$ 74,236.00
5	15,660.00	1	EA	Site Utilities (Storm & Sewer)	\$ 7.10	\$ 15,660.00	\$ 6.61	\$ 93,439.73	\$ 5.00	\$ 78,330.00	\$ 6.61	\$ 93,439.73	\$ 5.00	\$ 78,330.00	\$ 6.75	\$ 106,151.25	\$ 7.25	\$ 113,562.50	\$ 5.00	\$ 78,330.00
6	9,140.00	1	EA	Site Utilities (Storm & Sewer)	\$ 24.63	\$ 9,140.00	\$ 12.97	\$ 11,488.68	\$ 24.76	\$ 22,948.92	\$ 12.97	\$ 11,488.68	\$ 24.76	\$ 22,948.92	\$ 42.00	\$ 38,388.00	\$ 24.80	\$ 22,687.20	\$ 12.20	\$ 11,500.00
7	12,000.00	1	EA	Site Utilities (Storm & Sewer)	\$ 9.25	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 4.83	\$ 57,960.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 81,000.00	\$ 4.83	\$ 57,960.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 72,000.00	\$ 7.50	\$ 84,000.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 72,000.00	\$ 7.50	\$ 90,000.00
8	5,810.00	1	EA	Site Utilities (Storm & Sewer)	\$ 24.00	\$ 5,810.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 69,720.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 139,440.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 69,720.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 139,440.00	\$ 48.00	\$ 277,440.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 139,440.00	\$ 48.00	\$ 277,440.00
9	1,400.00	1	EA	Site Utilities (Storm & Sewer)	\$ 450.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 320.00	\$ 480.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 320.00	\$ 480.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 320.00	\$ 480.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 320.00	\$ 480.00
10	15,660.00	1	EA	Site Utilities (Storm & Sewer)	\$ 30.00	\$ 15,660.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 37.50	\$ 135,000.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 127,500.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 127,500.00
11	1,000.00	1	EA	Site Utilities (Storm & Sewer)	\$ 11,200.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 11,200.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 11,200.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	
12	1,000.00	1	EA	Site Utilities (Storm & Sewer)	\$ 44.50	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 24.30	\$ 364.50	\$ 44.50	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 24.30	\$ 364.50	\$ 27.00	\$ 364.50	\$ 27.00	\$ 364.50	\$ 27.00	\$ 364.50	\$ 27.00	\$ 364.50
13	1,000.00	1	EA	Site Utilities (Storm & Sewer)	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00
14	1,000.00	1	EA	Site Utilities (Storm & Sewer)	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00
15	1,000.00	1	EA	Site Utilities (Storm & Sewer)	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00
16	1,000.00	1	EA	Site Utilities (Storm & Sewer)	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00
17	1,000.00	1	EA	Site Utilities (Storm & Sewer)	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00
18	1,000.00	1	EA	Site Utilities (Storm & Sewer)	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00
19	1,000.00	1	EA	Site Utilities (Storm & Sewer)	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00
20	1,000.00	1	EA	Site Utilities (Storm & Sewer)	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00
21	1,000.00	1	EA	Site Utilities (Storm & Sewer)	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00
22	1,000.00	1	EA	Site Utilities (Storm & Sewer)	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00
23	1,000.00	1	EA	Site Utilities (Storm & Sewer)	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00
24	1,000.00	1	EA	Site Utilities (Storm & Sewer)	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00
25	1,000.00	1	EA	Site Utilities (Storm & Sewer)	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00
26	1,000.00	1	EA	Site Utilities (Storm & Sewer)	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00
27	1,000.00	1	EA	Site Utilities (Storm & Sewer)	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00
28	1,000.00	1	EA	Site Utilities (Storm & Sewer)	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00
29	1,000.00	1	EA	Site Utilities (Storm & Sewer)	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00
30	1,000.00	1	EA	Site Utilities (Storm & Sewer)	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00
31	1,000.00	1	EA	Site Utilities (Storm & Sewer)	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00
32	1,000.00	1	EA	Site Utilities (Storm & Sewer)	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00
33	1,000.00	1	EA	Site Utilities (Storm & Sewer)	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00
34	1,000.00	1	EA	Site Utilities (Storm & Sewer)	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00
35	1,000.00	1	EA	Site Utilities (Storm & Sewer)	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00
36	1,000.00	1	EA	Site Utilities (Storm & Sewer)	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00
37	1,000.00	1	EA	Site Utilities (Storm & Sewer)	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00
38	1,000.00	1	EA	Site Utilities (Storm & Sewer)	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00
39	1,000.00	1	EA	Site Utilities (Storm & Sewer)	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00
40	1,000.00	1	EA	Site Utilities (Storm & Sewer)	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00
41	1,000.00	1	EA	Site Utilities (Storm & Sewer)	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 400.00
TOTAL BASE BID AMOUNT:					\$ 699,500.00	\$ 838,864.85	\$ 708,102.50	\$ 630,605.71	\$ 486,660.30	\$ 573,769.30	\$ 863,480.85	\$ 758,992.50								
42	27,200.00	1	EA	Site Preparation & Grading	\$ 2.59	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 2.50	\$ 68,250.00	\$ 2.50	\$ 68,250.00	\$ 2.50	\$ 68,250.00	\$ 2.50	\$ 68,250.00	\$ 2.50	\$ 68,250.00	\$ 2.50	\$ 68,250.00	\$ 2.50	\$ 68,250.00
TOTAL BID AMOUNT:					\$ 699,500.00	\$ 865,165.85	\$ 585,925.50	\$ 537,512.71	\$ 470,280.30	\$ 587,419.30	\$ 838,255.85	\$ 602,017.50								

42	27,200.00	1	EA	Site Preparation & Grading	\$ 2.59	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 2.50	\$ 68,250.00	\$ 2.50	\$ 68,250.00	\$ 2.50	\$ 68,
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R. Gutierrez Engineering Corporation

BID EVALUATION

Description: ENG08.024L
Project: PRECINCT No.2 OFFICE COMPLEX
By: RG
Date: 8-Sep-09

If Five Star Clarke Construction, L.L.C. is awarded contract

BASE BID: \$486,660.30 (CONTRACTOR SUPPLIES 27,300 CY OF FILL)

ALTERNATE BID: \$470,280.30 (HIDALGO COUNTY SUPPLIES 27,300 CY OF FILL)

COST TO HIDALGO COUNTY TO SUPPLY 27,300 CY OF FILL: (16 CY TRUCKS @ \$65.00 PER TRUCK)

$27,300 \text{ CY} / 16 \text{ CY} / \text{TRUCK} = 1,706.25 \text{ TRUCKS} @ \$65.00 / \text{TRUCK} = \$110,906.25$

ALTERNATE BID + COST OF PROVIDING FILL =
 $\$470,280.30 + \$110,906.25 = \$581,186.55$

THEREFORE, COST OF (ALTERNATE BID + COST OF PROVIDING FILL) > COST OF BASE BID

If Five Star Clarke Construction, L.L.C. is granted their request to be released of the bid

BASE BID: \$573,769.30 (CONTRACTOR SUPPLIES 27,300 CY OF FILL)

ALTERNATE BID: \$537,512.71 (HIDALGO COUNTY SUPPLIES 27,300 CY OF FILL)

COST TO HIDALGO COUNTY TO SUPPLY 27,300 CY OF FILL: (16 CY TRUCKS @ \$65.00 PER TRUCK)

$27,300 \text{ CY} / 16 \text{ CY} / \text{TRUCK} = 1,706.25 \text{ TRUCKS} @ \$65.00 / \text{TRUCK} = \$110,906.25$

ALTERNATE BID + COST OF PROVIDING FILL =
 $\$537,512.30 + \$110,906.25 = \$648,418.55$

THEREFORE, COST OF (ALTERNATE BID + COST OF PROVIDING FILL) > COST OF BASE BID