



COLONIA ACCESS PROGRAM County of Hidalgo

Agapito Vargas, Jr.
Executive Director

October 26, 2011

Sharon Slagle, Colonia Project Manager
Texas Department of Transportation
600 West Expressway 83
Pharr, Texas 78577

Re: Bid Award Number CAP-11-198-08-03-YSI 3rd Call Project; Las Brisas Subdivision
CSJ: 3C1080406

Dear Sharon:

Attached please find information regarding the award of the above-referenced 3rd Call Colonias Project for road construction and drainage.

Please be advised that the County will proceed to award the bid on the following

- 1). Engineers Recommendation
- 2). Bidder meets all County requirements
- 3). Bid is the lowest of bids received
- 4). Cost Breakdown

J.E. Saenz & Associates, Inc. has reviewed one sole bid and tabulation and is recommending Homero Alvarez d/b/a Alvarez Construction of Donna, Texas as the low bidder for the above-referenced project. The amount budgeted for drainage is \$65,370.55. The County received one sole bid for this project. The County will be using Force Account for this project with the exception of curb and gutter, valley gutter and concrete driveways. Force Account staff are unable to do concrete work for this project; therefore the county is contracting work for this phase of construction,

The bids provided are reasonable for curb and gutter and slightly higher than average for driveways and valley gutter. Please reference the letter of recommendation from engineer explaining the bids. Based on the sole low bid amount drainage will have a lapse of \$19,730.35 that will be used for any additional drainage items.

The award will be to the low bidder Homero Alvarez d.b.a. Alvarez Construction with a low bid amount of \$27,227.00.

The bids received were as follows:

Contractor	Read Total	Correct Total
Homero Alvarez dba Alvarez Construction	\$27,227.00	\$27,227.00

Commissioner Joseph Palacios concurs with the engineering firm's recommendation and will present the recommendation to Commissioner's Court for approval, once concurrence has been provided by TXDOT.

Please note that the County Commissioner's Court will award the contract pending TXDOT concurrence.

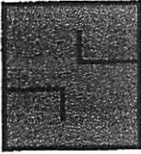
If you require additional information, please feel free to contact me at 787-1891 or on my cell phone at 460-6364.

Sincerely Yours,



Agapito Vargas Jr. Executive Director
Border Colonia Access Program

Cc: Commissioner Joseph Palacios, Hidalgo County Precinct 4 (Ltr Copy Only)
Valde Guerra, Commissioner's Court Executive Officer (email)
Marcos Lopez, Chief Administrator, Precinct No.4
Humbreto Garza, Field Operations Director, Precinct No.4
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301 East State
Pharr, Texas 78577

Attn: Agapito Vargas, Executive Director

Re: Las Brisas Subdivision
CAP-11-198-08-03-YSI

Mr. Vargas,

As requested, we have researched the average state bids for concrete driveways and 6' Valley Gutter. This is because the units prices for these two items were higher from the sole bidder, Alvarez Construction.

As you can see on the attached spreadsheet, the quantities are so small that when you use the state bid average (September), the difference in total price is \$1,263.72.

We recommend that the county consider paying the \$ 1,263.72 to move forward in this project and the remainder (\$25,963.28) from BCAP funds. It would be more costly to re-bid the project or eliminate these two items and bid them separately from the original contract.

Respectfully submitted

Jose E. "Eddie" Saenz, PE

w/attachment

