



COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3  
County of Hidalgo

Joe M. Flores  
County Commissioner Pct. No. 3

September 9, 2014

Martha Salazar, Purchasing Agent  
Attn.: Yvette Salinas, Buyer III  
Hidalgo County Purchasing Dept.  
2812 S. Business Highway 281  
Edinburg, Texas 78539

RE: Mile 2 North Road Project  
From: La Homa Rd., East to Moorefield Rd.

Dear Mrs. Salazar:

We have reviewed the bid package for the above mentioned project; please proceed with submitting TxDot's approval and the Engineer's recommendation on the next Commissioner's Court agenda. Recommendation is for the lowest bidder, IOC Company, L.L.C. with their low bid amount of \$1,569,523.71. The fund account number for this project is 4-1315-431-00-123-094-0-711 and 731.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call my office at (956)585-4509.

Sincerely,

Joe M. Flores, Commissioner  
Hidalgo County Precinct #3

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August 18, 2014

Honorable Ramon Garcia  
Judge, Hidalgo County  
ATTN: Martha L. Salazar, Purchasing Agent  
2812 S. Business Highway 281  
Edinburg, TX 78539

RE: Mile 2 North Project  
CSJ: 0921-02-323  
Project: STP 1402(069)MM

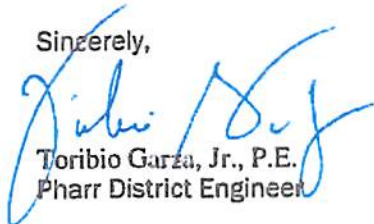
Dear Judge Garcia:

We have completed our review of the bid package and analysis that was included with the county's letter dated July 25, 2014, and do concur with awarding the contract to IOC Company, L.L.C. with their low bid amount of \$1,569,523.71. You may now award the contract and move forward with construction operations.

Mr. Jesus A. Noriega, P.E., out of our Pharr Area Office, will continue to serve as our construction project manager and your point of contact from this point forward. Please work directly with him to ensure all requirements are met for you to receive the federal funding participation outlined in the Advance Funding Agreement. In addition, and as a reminder, the local government construction procedures the County will need to follow can be found at <http://www.txdot.gov/business/governments/lgpp.htm>.

If you have any questions, feel free to call me or our Advance Planning/Project Management Supervisor, Norma Y. Garza, P.E., at (956) 702-6100 or via USPS at 600 W. US 83 Expressway, Pharr, TX 78577.

Sincerely,



Toribio Garza, Jr., P.E.  
Pharr District Engineer

cc: Homero Bazán, Jr., P.E., Director of Transportation Planning & Development  
Rene Garza, P.E., Pharr Area Engineer  
Norma Y. Garza, P.E., Advance Planning/Project Management Supervisor  
Evan Roberts, P.E., District Design Support Engineer  
Jesus A. Noriega, P.E., Project Development and Construction Project Manager  
Commissioner Jose M. Flores, Hidalgo County Precinct #3  
Yvette Salinas, Hidalgo County Buyer III  
Rolando Garcia, Hidalgo County Planning Analyst III



# L & G Engineering

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July 18, 2014

Hon. Joe Flores  
Hidalgo County Commissioner Pct. 3  
724 N. Breyfogle  
Mission, Texas 78572

**RE: Mile 2 North Road – Official Bid Amounts**  
**From: La Homa Road, East to Moorefield Road**  
**Bid No. 2014-153-07-16-YSS**  
**CSJ: 0921-02-323**

Mr. Flores,

We have tabulated the official bid amounts for the seven responsive bidders and analyzed the bids in accordance with Article 2.14, "Tabulation of Bids" of TxDOT's Standard Specifications. The official bid amounts, which are summarized below, ranged from 3.5% below to 40% above the engineer's estimate and match the total bid amounts on their respective proposal with the exception of Bidder#7.

<i>Mile 2 North Official Bid Amounts</i>			
<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>		<i>\$ 1,627,058.49</i>	
<i>Bidder #1</i>	<i>IOC Company, LLC</i>	<i>\$ 1,569,523.71</i>	<i>-3.5%</i>
<i>Bidder #2</i>	<i>Texas Cordia Construction, LLC</i>	<i>\$ 1,615,243.14</i>	<i>-0.7%</i>
<i>Bidder #3</i>	<i>REIM Construction, Inc.</i>	<i>\$ 1,882,275.70</i>	<i>15.7%</i>
<i>Bidder #4</i>	<i>Asago, LLC</i>	<i>\$ 1,888,812.88</i>	<i>16.1%</i>
<i>Bidder #5</i>	<i>Foremost Paving, Inc.</i>	<i>\$ 1,958,108.71</i>	<i>20.3%</i>
<i>Bidder #6</i>	<i>2GS, LLC</i>	<i>\$ 2,209,499.31</i>	<i>35.8%</i>
<i>Bidder #7</i>	<i>Salinas Constr. Tech., LTD</i>	<i>\$ 2,291,968.20</i>	<i>40.9%</i>

One error was found in Bidder #7's proposal. The error did not have an effect on the determination of the low bidder:

<i>132-2006 EMBANKMENT (FINAL)(DENS CONT)(TY C) CY</i>				
<i>Est. Qty.</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Bid Total</i>	
<i>\$ 658.00</i>	<i>\$ 8.48</i>	<i>\$ 5,579.84</i>	<i>\$ 2,291,883.40</i>	<i>Submitted</i>
<i>\$ 668.00</i>	<i>\$ 8.48</i>	<i>\$ 5,664.64</i>	<i>\$ 2,291,968.20</i>	<i>Corrected</i>

We found no indication of any mathematical or material unbalancing or any front loaded items and recommend that the low bidder, IOC Company, Inc., be awarded the contract. I have e-mailed Ms. Norma Garza, P.E. a copy of the bid tabulation spreadsheet to assist her in concurring with our recommendation, but I believe she wants the County to submit a formal recommendation to her directly. A discussion of our bid analysis follows.



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## Unbalanced Bid Analysis (<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/programadmin/contracts/051688.cfm>)

The FHWA policy on analysis of contract bids is found in FHPM 6-4-1-6, paragraph 11.c. It requires the evaluation of the unit bid prices for reasonable conformance with the engineer's estimate; however, FHWA provides no specific parameters, such as amount or percent of variance from the engineer's estimate, which constitute an unbalanced bid.

### 1. Significant Bid Items

An individual item is considered significant to the contract if a bidder has an item included in the proposal where the difference between the total cost of the item and the total bid amount, expressed as a percent of the total bid amount, is greater than or less than 0.50%.

### 2. Significantly Unbalanced Items

An item will be considered significantly unbalanced if the difference between the low bidder's unit price and the estimated bid price, expressed as a percent of the estimated bid price, is greater than +50% or is less than -75%.

Three items in the low bidder's proposal were found to be both significant items to the contract and significantly unbalanced from the engineer's estimate. Further analysis showed that these items were within 0.25 standard deviations from the average of all bids, so no unbalancing was found.

### Front-Loading

The specifications pay for some items of work either partially or in their entirety up-front (e.g. mobilization and preparation of ROW). If a contractor submits a bid with unreasonably high prices for these items of work, the bid has been Front-End Loaded. Table 1 shows that the bids for these two items are not unreasonably high. As a result, we determined that the low bid is not front loaded.

TABLE 1						
Front-Loaded Items						
		Total Bid	Mobilization	% of Total Bid	Prep ROW	% of Total Bid
Engineer's Estimate		\$ 1,627,058.49	\$ 143,107.68	9%	\$ 39,132.00	2%
Bidder #1	IOC	\$ 1,569,523.70	\$ 100,000.00	6%	\$ 32,610.00	2%
Bidder #2	TexCordia	\$ 1,615,243.14	\$ 65,100.00	4%	\$ 26,088.00	2%
Bidder #3	Reim	\$ 1,882,275.70	\$ 85,000.00	5%	\$ 13,174.44	1%
Bidder #4	Asago	\$ 1,888,812.88	\$ 180,000.00	10%	\$ 163,050.00	9%
Bidder #5	Foremost	\$ 1,958,108.71	\$ 170,000.00	9%	\$ 130,440.00	7%
Bidder #6	2GS	\$ 2,209,499.31	\$ 60,000.00	3%	\$ 52,176.00	2%
Bidder #7	Salinas	\$ 2,291,968.20	\$ 210,000.00	9%	\$ 35,381.85	2%
***	Average	\$ 1,916,490.23	\$ 124,300.00	6%	\$ 64,702.90	3%

If you have any questions or comments you can reach me or Mr. Damien Tijerina, P.E. at 956-585-1909.

Sincerely,

Armando J. Sandoval, P.E.  
Project Manager

# HIDALGO COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT BID TABULATION SHEET

**DEPARTMENT NAME: HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT NO. 3**

**BID OPENING DATE: July 16, 2014**

**BID OPENING TIME: 3:01 PM**

**DESCRIPTION OF BID: "Mile 2 North Roadway Reconstruction Project"**

**BID NO: 2014-153-07-16-YSS**

RFB NO.	NAME OF COMPANY	TOTAL BID AMOUNT	Bid Bond/ Cashier's Check
1.	IOC Company, LLC	\$1,569,523.71	Bid Bond Included
2.	Texas Cordia Constrction	\$1,615,243.14	Bid Bond Included
3.	REIM Construction, Inc.	\$1,882,275.70	Bid Bond Included
4.	Asago Construction	\$1,888,812.88	Bid Bond Included
5.	Foremost Paving, Inc	\$1,958,108.71	Bid Bond Included
6.	2GS, LLC	\$2,209,499.31	Bid Bond Included
7.	Salinas Construction Technologies, LTD	Correct Amount: \$2,291,968.20 Read Amount: \$2,291,883.40	Bid Bond Included
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