



March 13, 2024

Mr. Cody Collier
Town of Little Elm
1600 Mark Tree Lane
Little Elm, TX 75068

**RE: *Manhole Replacement Project
Recommendation of Award
KH No. 064426308***

Dear Cody,

The Town of Little Elm received bids for the construction of the Manhole Replacement project. The project includes replacement and rehabilitation of existing wastewater manholes within the Town's system.

There were a total of five bidders with the following bids:

BIDDERS	Bid Total
Canary Construction, Inc.	\$859,000.00
Southern Trenchless Solutions, LLC.	\$1,020,149.70
WillCo Underground	\$1,950,000.00
Quality Excavation, LTD	\$2,262,803.00
Rangeline Utility Services, LLC	\$3,280,845.00

Bid Bonds were received for each of the five bidders. Canary Construction, Inc. appears to be the lowest bidder. After review of the bid and coordination with Canary, it is apparent that the project was not bid on a per each basis as stated in the bidding documents. Additionally, Canary's bid total is at such a low cost that it is the Engineer's opinion that it does not encompass all the cost incurred to complete this project.

Southern Trenchless Solutions, Inc. is the second lowest bidder. Southern Trenchless Solutions submitted an unapproved alternative to install FRP liners for all the manholes that were to be replaced with polymer concrete manholes. Therefore, Southern Trenchless Solutions bid is not valid.

WillCo underground appears to be the lowest responsible bidder and bid the project on a per each basis as stated in the bidding documents. WillCo has routinely been involved in water and wastewater construction projects of this type within the State of Texas.

We appreciate the opportunity to continue to work with the Town on this project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Benjamin J. Gleichert". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Benjamin" and last name "Gleichert" clearly legible.

Ben Gleichert, P.E.
Project Engineer