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April 22, 2021

Mr. Scott Hogen
Director of Facilities
Independent School District No. 77
10 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 1, P.O. Box 8741
Mankato, MN 56002-8741

RE: 2021 Site (Hard Surface) Improvements
Independent School District No. 77
Mankato and North Mankato, Minnesota
BMI Project No. 0M1.123705

Dear Mr. Hogen,

Bids were received and opened electronically through QuestCDN over a Microsoft Teams Meeting on Tuesday, April 20th at 11:00am for the 2021 Site (Hard Surface) Improvement project.

The project includes the following improvements:

Base Bid:

- Bidding Section A: Installation of curb and gutter along the playground area at Bridges Community School to improve drainage
- Bidding Section B: Construction of a new entrance drive at Prairie Winds Middle School that will provide additional storage for vehicles during student drop-off and pick-up times and reduce back-ups and congestion on Prairie Winds Drive
- Bidding Section C: Repair work to an existing storm sewer at West High School by open cut methods

Alternate Bids:

- Alternate Bid No. 1: Reconstruction of the bituminous parking lot/playground area at Bridges Community School in addition to the work included in Section A of the Base Bid.
- Alternate Bid No 2: Repair work to the existing storm sewer at West High School by lining as an alternate to the work included in Section C of the Base Bid.

Two (2) bids were received, and the results of the bids are tabulated below:

Bidder	Base Bid	Alternate Bid No. 1	Alternate Bid No. 2
Nielsen Blacktopping, Inc.	\$263,162.25	\$147,654.50	\$16,175.00
W.W. Blacktopping, Inc.	\$281,268.70	\$147,868.00	\$10,710.00
Engineer's Estimate	\$324,504.50	\$154,238.00	\$11,375.00

The low bidder for the Base Bid and Alternate Bid No. 1 is Nielsen Blacktopping, Inc., from Kasota, Minnesota. Based on our discussions, funding is available to allow the award of the base bid and Alternate Bid No. 1. Since the bid for Alternate Bid No 2 is approximately the same as the amount of Section C of the Base Bid, we recommend that Alternate Bid No. 2 not be awarded.

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The total amount of the low bid recommended to be awarded (Base Bid + Alternate Bid No. 1) is \$410,816.75. This is approximately 14% below the Engineers Estimate.

Based on past performance on similar projects in previous years, it is our opinion that Nielsen Blacktopping, Inc., is qualified to perform the work required under this contract. We hereby recommend that Nielsen Blacktopping, Inc. be awarded the Base Bid and Alternate Bid No. 1 for a contract amount of \$410,816.75.

Sincerely,
Bolton & Menk, Inc.



Daniel R. Sarff, P.E.
Project Engineer

Cc: Scott Kaminski, ISD77 Facilities Operations Manager
Lyle Femrite, Bolton & Menk, Inc.