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Water

Subject:
City of Hollywood
WTP High Service Pump Station Upgrade
Project No. 14-4233

Date:
August 7, 2017

Contact:
Chris Barlow, PE, CDT

Phone:
561.236.2858

Email:
chris.barlow@arcadis.com

Dear Ms. Montero:

On July 24, 2017, four bids were received for the referenced project. The bids were opened in the following order:

Our ref:
00361334.0000

Bidder	TOTAL LUMP SUM BASE BID
TLC Diversified	\$ 5,242,777.00
Wharton Smith, Inc.	\$ 4,915,955.00
RJ Sullivan Corp.	\$ 4,859,000.00
Florida Design Contractors, Inc.	\$ 4,574,000.00

Florida License Numbers

Engineering
7917

Geology
GB564

Surveying
LB7062

The Total Lump Sum Base Bid Amount (hereinafter referred to as Bid Amount) noted above that covers items 1 through 7 in the bid form. The initial apparent low bidder was Florida Design Contractors, Inc. (FDC) with a Bid Amount of \$4,574,000.00.

As noted in the attached bid opening check list and tabulation, all bidders, except FDC, were responsive to the Instructions to Bidders and acknowledged receipt of

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Addendum No. 1, 2, 3, and 4. FDC responded "N/A" to Item #3 on the Information Required From Bidders. This item is the Broward County License.

On the morning of July 25, 2017, FDC contacted me to say that they sent a letter to Arcadis stating that they made a calculation error causing their bid to be \$139,500 lower than their intended to bid price for this project, and wished to withdraw the bid. FDC was advised to follow the Instructions to Bidders and to make this communication to the City. This revised letter that was sent to you later that same morning is attached. On the afternoon of August 2, 2017, a meeting was held at your office to have FDC discuss and further demonstrate its bidding error to the City. This meeting led to the City accepting FDC's request to withdraw its bid. This resulted in the consideration of RJ Sullivan's the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for this project for the Bid Amount of \$4,859,000.00.

We have confirmed, based on direct previous experience and by information provided, that RJ Sullivan meets the letter and intent of the qualifications criteria in the specifications. We contacted RJ Sullivan and confirmed that they will honor their Bid Amount and will accept an intent to award this contract.

Assuming the City elects to proceed with this project, we recommend award of the WTP High Service Pump Station Upgrade (Project No. 14-4233) to RJ Sullivan for the Bid Amount of \$4,859,000.00, contingent upon approval by the City Commissioners. The following information regarding the bids is attached for reference:

- Bid Opening Checklist and Tabulation Summary

Please call me should you have any questions or wish to discuss any of these matters further.

Sincerely,

Arcadis U.S., Inc.



Chris Barlow, PE, CDT
Principal Water Wastewater Engineer

Copies:

Clèce Auréelus, P.E.
Rob Daoust

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File (electronic)

Attachments

- 1 Letter from FDC, dated July 25, 2017
- 2 Bid Opening Checklist and Tabulation Summary



July 25, 2017

Wilhelmina Montero, PE, MS
City of Hollywood
2600 Hollywood Blvd
Hollywood, FL 33020

Re: WTP High Service Pump Station Upgrades
Project No. 14-4233
Bid date June 29, 2017

Wilhelmina Montero:

During our post bid review of the bid documents and bid spreadsheet, we have discovered an error causing our bid to be rendered incomplete and we are requesting that the bid be withdrawn as outlined in Article 14-Bidding Errors:

If after the opening of bids, a Bidder claims an error and requests to be relieved of the Award, or the Engineer believes that an error may have been made then, the Bidder shall present his work sheets and supplier quotations to the Engineer for verification. This information shall be presented on the same day as the bid opening or if the opening is in the afternoon then on the following business day. When the Engineer has suspected an error and requires the documents, Bidder's failure to produce them within the time specified shall make the Bidder non-responsive and thereby eligible for disqualification. Award may then be made to the next lowest responsive, responsible Bidder, or the work may be re-advertised or it may be performed by City forces, as the Commission desires.

The cause of the error was found in the purchasing of the mechanical package. A price "cut" in the amount of -\$15,500.00 was provided in which an extra zero was inadvertently added taking a -\$155,000.00 price "cut." The difference of these two numbers, \$139,500.00, was the amount left out of the bid. The documentation of the error is provided in the attached email.

Please review our request and the associated documents as requested above to verify our error. If there should be the need for additional documentation of our bid we would be glad to accommodate your request.

I extend my apologizes for the error on such a great project but it is Florida Design Contractors intention to provide a quality product within the contract value. It would not be in our best interest or the City of Hollywood's best interest executing a contract of unsatisfactory value.

With Respect,


Thomas H. Clarke
President
Florida Design Contractors, Inc.

Attachment: Ferguson Email Dated July 24, 2017

1326 South Killian Drive West Palm Beach, FL 33403
(561) 854-1233 FloridaDesignContractors.com

Geoffrey Schmidt

From: Gary.Morgan2@Ferguson.com
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 1:42 PM
To: Geoffrey Schmidt
Subject: RE: Hollywood

Geoff,

Please take another \$15,500.

Thank You,

$\begin{array}{r} \$559,184.46 \\ -\$ 15,500.00 \\ \hline \$ 543,684.46 \end{array}$	vs	$\begin{array}{r} \$559,184.46 \\ -\$ 155,000.00 \\ \hline \$ 404,184.46 \end{array}$
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Amount left out of bid = \$139,500.00

Gary Morgan

Plant Sales - Ferguson Waterworks
1950 NW 18th St | Pompano Beach, FL 33069
Tel (954) 973-8100 | Cell (954) 707-1058
Fax (954) 917-3134 | Gary.Morgan2@Ferguson.com



From: Morgan, Gary [Ferguson] - 0125 Pompano - Waterworks
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 12:35 PM
To: 'Geoffrey Schmidt'
Subject: RE: Hollywood

Geoff,

Please cut \$165k. Bringing my total down to \$559,184.46

- **Includes everything on my quote
- **I quoted a 'per day' startup fee. Specs are crazy about # of days, may want to cover about 8?
- **Is everyone quoting import materials per add #1 DIP Spec?

Let me know if any questions!

Thank You,

Gary Morgan

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From: Geoffrey Schmidt [<mailto:gschmidt@Floridadesigncontractors.com>]
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 12:06 PM
To: Morgan, Gary [Ferguson] - 0125 Pompano - Waterworks
Subject: RE: Hollywood

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Thanks,
Geoff Schmidt

Florida Design Contractors, Inc.

E: GSchmidt@FloridaDesignContractors.com | C: 561-578-1912

From: Gary.Morgan2@Ferguson.com [<mailto:Gary.Morgan2@Ferguson.com>]
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 12:01 PM
To: Geoffrey Schmidt <gschmidt@Floridadesigncontractors.com>
Subject: Hollywood

Geoff,

I added the plumbing stuff to the quote attached. Hope that helps...cuts to come

Thank You,

Gary Morgan

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City of Hollywood

ECDS - Department of Public Services

Project: High Service Pump Station Upgrades

City Project No.: 14-4233

Bid Date: July 24, 2017

Bid Time/Place: 3:00 PM / ECSD Conference Room

Bidder	Signed Proposal	Approved Bid Bond	Info. Req. of Bidders	Info. Req. of Bidders, comment	Trench Safety	Addenda	**	MOBILIZATION	INDEMNIFICATION	HSPS Upgrades	30-inch Pump Suction Pipe Replacement (Owner's Allowance), QTY 4	36-inch Pump Suction Pipe Replacement (Owner's Allowance), QTY 6	PERMIT ALLOWANCE	OWNER'S CONTINGENCY	TOTAL LUMP SUM BASE BID
TLC Diversified	x	x	x	complete	x	x		\$436,767	\$10	\$4,342,000	\$36,000	\$78,000	\$100,000	\$250,000	\$5,242,777
Wharton Smith, Inc.	x	x	x	complete	x	x		\$400,000	\$10	\$4,050,945	\$40,000	\$75,000	\$100,000	\$250,000	\$4,915,955
RJ Sullivan Corp.	x	x	x	complete	x	x		\$140,000	\$10	\$4,279,000	\$29,990	\$60,000	\$100,000	\$250,000	\$4,859,000
Florida Design Contractors, Inc.	x	x	x	Broward License - not shown	x	x		\$225,000	\$10	\$3,932,990	\$24,000	\$42,000	\$100,000	\$250,000	\$4,574,000