

June 14, 2016

Mr. Feng Jiang, Project Manager  
City of Hollywood Public Utilities Department  
1621 North 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Hollywood, Florida 33022

**RE: LIFT STATION A-6 UPGRADE  
CITY PROJECT NO.: 15-8061  
APPARENT LOW RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER  
CTA PROJECT NO. 15-0104-001-01**

Dear Mr. Jiang:

**CRANEN THOMPSON**



**& ASSOCIATES INC.**

Engineers  
Planners  
Surveyors  
Landscape Architects

We have reviewed the proposals submitted by contractors for the Lift Station A-6 Upgrade Project. **IMR Contracting, Inc., dba Jennings & Engineering Construction, and COMTECH Engineering, Inc.** are the two apparent lowest bidders with the following base bid prices:

**IMR Contracting, Inc. .... \$540,192.00  
COMTECH Engineering, Inc..... \$676,828.00**

We have evaluated their bid packages for completeness and fulfillment of the bid requirements and checked the references submitted. Please note the following comments:

**IMR Contracting, Inc.**

- Based on the submitted proposal and references, IMR Contracting, the apparent low bidder, did not provide sufficient evidence of experience in the complete construction of a new lift station and gravity sewer system. The experience provided relates mainly to rehabilitation of manholes and lift stations, not new construction.
- IMR Contracting submitted a General Contractor License only and not an Underground Contractor License.
- IMR Contracting did not submit the Local Preference form with the Bid.
- IMR Contracting's Mobilization/Demobilization bid item is \$42,833 more than 7% allowable per Technical Specifications Section 01025.1.02C. Therefore, the Base Bid of \$540,192.00 would be further reduced to \$497,359.00.

Based on the above observations, the apparent low bidder, IMR Contracting, Inc., did not demonstrate a responsible bid. The references provided did not support the experience required per the Contract Documents to construct this new lift station, valve pit, piping, electrical, etc. within the stipulated contract time was not submitted.

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**COMTECH Engineering, Inc.**

- COMTECH Engineering, the second apparent low bidder, has demonstrated the experience to construct a new lift station and gravity sewer system per the Contract Documents, based on the submitted proposal and references.
- COMTECH Engineering bid proposal appears to be in conformance with the Contract Documents.

Based on our review and evaluation of the Bid Proposals, **COMTECH Engineering, Inc.** appears to be the **lowest responsive and responsible** bidder for the Lift Station A-6 Upgrade Project.

Sincerely,

**CRAVEN THOMPSON & ASSOCIATES, INC.**



PHILIP JOSEPH, P.E.  
Senior Engineer

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cc: Don Shaver - Craven Thompson & Associates, Inc.