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AWARD RECOMMENDATION

To: Rick Newkirk, Director, Utilities
 Thru: Jennifer Fehrs, P.E., Utilities Engineer
 From: Keith Raney, Contract Administrator II
 Date: 9/30/19
 Subject: RFB NO. 2020-20 Lazy River Water Main and Force Main Replacement

Bid opening was held on September 30, 2019. Four (4) bid were received from:

<i>COMPANY NAME</i>	<i>TOTAL BID</i>
Spectrum Underground	\$122,538.50
Boyd Irrigation, Inc.	\$144,770.00
Andrew Sitework, LLC	\$138,584.00
C Squared Certified General Contractors	\$177,641.50

Please review the submittals, provided to Jennifer Fehrs. Purchasing has reviewed the four (4) bid submittal and has determined it to be responsive (see attached tabulation). Purchasing has reviewed the bid submittals and has deemed the apparent low bidder to be responsive in accordance with the specifications and addenda (see attached tabulation). A responsive submittal is one which conforms in all material respects to the solicitation. Refers to a bid that contains no exceptions or deviations from the terms, conditions, and specifications.

The Project Manager/Consultant shall review the submittals to determine if the bidder is responsible. A responsible person, company or entity is determined to have the capability in all respects to fully perform the contract requirements and has the integrity and reliability which will assure good faith performance and the capacity and capability to perform in accordance with the specifications. Please complete and sign this form and attach your recommendation along with the recommendation of Project Manager/Consultant for Finance Director's approval. Upon receipt of this form, I will post Notice of Intent (NOI) and will initiate the contract process.

	APPARENT LOW BIDDERS SUBMITTAL: Spectrum Underground	APPARENT LOW BIDDER SUBMITTAL		
		YES	NO	N/A or OTHER
1	Procurement reviewed and determined the apparent low bidder to be responsive: Spectrum Underground	✓		
2	Project Manager/Engineer reviewed and determined the apparent low bidder to be responsible bidder meeting or exceeding specifications: Spectrum Underground	✓		
3	Department Director recommendation: to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder meeting or exceeding specifications: Spectrum Underground	✓		

DEPARTMENT: ADDITIONAL JUSTIFICATION ATTACHED (OPTIONAL):

YES	NO
x	

Contract Award to be approved by Commission at the November 12, 2019 meeting:

TOTAL BID PRICE	\$122,538.50
CONTINGENCY AMOUNT or PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL BID	\$ <u>12,254.00</u> _____%

Recommend award to bidder(s):

Spectrum Underground, Inc.
5802 Bee Ridge Rd, Suite 101
Sarasota, FL 34233
941-342-6708
941-342-6710 Fax


For Reasons Listed Below: Based on the reference checks performed by Stantec and past experience with this contractor, Utilities would like to recommend awarding to Spectrum Underground.



Jennifer Fehrs, P.E., Utilities Engineer

10/2/19

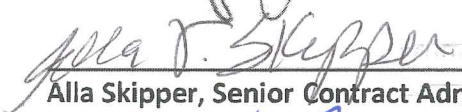
Date



Rick Newkirk, Director, Utilities

10-2-19

Date



Alla Skipper, Senior Contract Administrator

10/7/19

Date



Kimberly Ferrell, Finance Director

10/9/19

Date



Stantec Consulting Services Inc.
6900 Professional Parkway East, Sarasota FL 34240-8414

October 4, 2019
File: 177311231

Attention: Jennifer Fehrs, PE

City of North Port Utilities
6644 W. Price Blvd.
North Port, FL 34291-4106

Dear Ms. Fehrs,

**Reference: RFB No. 2020-20 Lazy River Water Main and Force Main Replacement
Letter of Recommendation**

The City of North Port Purchasing department received bid submittals for this project from four bidders. Purchasing reviewed the bid submittals and determined the bidders to be responsive. The apparent low bidder is Spectrum Underground with a total bid price of \$122,538.50.

To demonstrate their qualifications, bidders were required to submit a minimum of three recent (completed within the past five years) project references of similar size and scope. Spectrum Underground provided four references in their bid submittal package. The reference projects are described below:

1. Canal Road 12-inch Water Main Replacement (Manatee County): Spectrum Underground installed approximately 7,000 linear feet of a 12-inch replacement water main along Canal Road in Manatee County. The work included two horizontal directional drills totaling approximately 930 linear feet. The water main installed by horizontal directional drill passes under stormwater facilities. There were five connections to existing water mains along the project route. The contact at Manatee County for this project is Michael Sturm, P.E.
2. Oak Ford Pump Station Force Main (Sarasota County): Spectrum Underground upgraded an existing lift station and constructed a new lift station along with approximately 47,000 linear feet of 4-inch, 6-inch and 8-inch force mains. The new force mains were installed using open cut and horizontal directional drill methods. The project was part of the decommissioning of the Oak Ford WWTP. The client was the Sarasota County and the CEI contact was Cory Best with Stantec.
3. Stantec was unable to contact anyone at City of Sarasota that was familiar with Spectrum Underground's referenced project.
4. McIntosh Middle School Water Main and Force Main Installation (Sarasota County): Spectrum Underground was the contractor on this project. The utility mains installed by Spectrum Underground were mainly installed using horizontal directional drill methods, the drilling was performed by a sub-consultant. The contact at Sarasota County for this project was Jason Brown.



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Three of the four references provided in Spectrum Underground's bid submittal package responded to Stantec's request to provide feedback. The reference contacts we spoke with were able to confirm the reference projects were finished on schedule. No issues with excessive change orders or change requests were reported. The contacts stated that they experienced no issues with complaints from the public. The contacts described their working relationships and experiences with Spectrum Underground as positive and stated that they would work with them again in the future on similar projects.

Stantec has checked the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation database, the contractor holds license as a Certified General Contractor and a Certified Utility and Excavation Contractor. No complaints are shown to be on file against their licenses. These licenses expire on August 31, 2020.

We received no feedback from the responsive project reference contacts for Spectrum Underground that indicated that the contractor would not be capable of completing the work in a manner that would be satisfactory to the City of North Port.

Please contact me if you have any questions

Sincerely,

Stantec Consulting Services Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen McEachern".

For
John Spalding, PE
Project Engineer
Phone: 941-907-6900
John.Spalding@stantec.com

Attachment: Attachment A - Qualifications Review

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Attachment A

RFB No. 2020-20 Lazy River Water Main and Force Main Replacement Qualifications Review for Spectrum Underground, Inc.

Project Work Scope:

The purpose of this project is to install a new force main from the existing lift station (LS-1) under US-41 and connect to an existing force main. The work will also involve the removal of a 4-inch water main and force main located in US-41 right-of-way. The new force main will be installed via open cut and horizontal directional drill (HDD) construction techniques.

Contractor Qualifications: Contractor shall submit four (4) recent references of projects of similar size and scope.

Contractor References: Spectrum Underground, Inc. has provided four (4) references for themselves (Reference #1 through #4).

Reference #1

Project:	<i>Water Main / Force Main Construction</i>
Owner/Client:	<i>Manatee County Public Works Department, FL</i>
Owner/Client PM:	<i>Michael Sturm , PE/Project Manager (941) 708-7450 ext: 7332</i>
Project Description:	<i>Water main and force main installation</i>

Reference #2

Project Name:	<i>Water Main / Force Main Construction</i>
Owner/Client:	<i>Sarasota County, FL</i>
Owner/Client PM:	<i>Cory Best/CEI Project Manager *</i>
Project Description:	<i>Water main and force main installation</i>

* Cory Best moved out of state, spoke with the senior field inspector involved in the project.

Reference #3

Project Name:	<i>Force Main Construction</i>
Owner/Client:	<i>City of Sarasota Utility Department, FL</i>
Owner/Client PM:	<i>Carlos Marin, Project Manager (941) 263-6343</i>
Project Description:	<i>Force main installation</i>

Reference #4

Project Name:	<i>Water Main / Force Main Construction</i>
Owner/Client:	<i>Sarasota County, FL</i>
Owner/Client PM:	<i>Jason Brown, Project Manager (941) 650-3728</i>
Project Description:	<i>Water main and force main installation</i>

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Interview Summary:

Question:	Reference #1	Reference #2	Reference #3	Reference #4
Reference name:	<i>Michael Sturm</i>	<i>Cory Best*</i>	<i>Carlos Marin</i>	<i>Jason Brown</i>
Reference position:	<i>Project Manager</i>	<i>CEI Project Manager</i>	<i>Project Manager</i>	<i>Project Manager</i>
Completed on time?	Yes	Yes	-	Yes
Completed within budget?	Yes	Yes	-	Came in under Budget
Satisfactory finished product?	Yes	Yes	-	Yes
Excessive Change Orders?	No	No	-	No
Was contractor cooperative?	Yes	Yes	-	Yes
Would you recommend this contractor for similar work?	Definitely	Yes	-	Yes
Notes	70% of the work was directional drilling and performed by a sub.	No issues with the utility work performed in the field.	Unable to contact anyone familiar with the referenced project.	One C.O. that was the result of scope additions by the County. Majority of the work was directional drilling and performed by a sub.

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