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AWARD RECOMMENDATION

To: Nancy Gallinaro, Utilities Director
Thru: Jennifer Fehrs, P.E., Utilities Engineer
From: Keith Raney, Contract Administrator II
Date: 5/4/2022
Subject: REQUEST FOR BID (RFB) 2022-18 TOLEDO BLADE BLVD UTILITY EXTENSIONS

Bid opening was held on April 26, 2022, (4) four bids received from:

Below is the bid amount for the contractor that submitted:

COMPANY NAME	TOTAL
DBE Management LLC dba DBE Utility Services	\$2,030,075.00
Spectrum Underground Inc.	\$2,046,490.45
E.T. MacKenzie of Florida, Inc.	\$2,702,234.00
Andrew Sitework, LLC	\$3,156,708.00

Please review the submittal, a copy were provided to the Utilities Department. **Purchasing has reviewed the bid submittals and has determined the apparent low bidder, DBE Management LLC dba DBE Utility Services to be responsive (see attached tabulation). For the purpose of the initial evaluation any bids errors in addition were corrected per the solicitation.**

The Utilities Department 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. Additionally, verify the references and make sure the qualifications which were specified in the solicitation have been met. 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 BIDDER SUBMITTAL: DBE Utility Services 13387 Bryan Rd Loxahatchee, FL 33470	APPARENT LOW BIDDER SUBMITTAL		
		YES	NO	N/A or OTHER
		1	Procurement reviewed and determined the apparent low bidder to be responsive:	✓
2	Project Manager/Engineer reviewed and determined the apparent low bidder to be responsible bidder meeting or exceeding specifications:	✓		
3	Department Director recommendation: to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder meeting or exceeding specifications:	✓		

DEPARTMENT: ADDITIONAL JUSTIFICATION ATTACHED (OPTIONAL):

YES	NO
	X

TOTAL BID PRICE	\$2,030,075.00
CONTINGENCY AMOUNT	\$203,007.00

Account Number	Project	Available Amount
420-6061-533.63-00	U21TWE	\$1,230,050.82
420-6062-535.63-00	U21TWE	\$2,168,950.00

 Nancy Gallinaro, Utilities Director

 Date

 Jennifer Fehrs, P.E., Utilities Engineer

 Date

 Alla Skipper, Sr. Contract Administrator

 Date

 Lisa M. Herrmann, Budget Administrator

 Date

 Kimberly Ferrell, Finance Director

 Date



Stantec Consulting Services Inc.
6920 Professional Parkway, Sarasota FL 34240-8414

May 4, 2022
File: 177311677

Attention: Jennifer Fehrs, PE

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

Dear Ms. Fehrs,

**Reference: Toledo Blade Boulevard Utility Extensions – Bid No. 2022-18
Letter of Recommendation**

The City of North Port Purchasing Department received bid submittals for this project from four bidders. A bid tabulation was prepared by the City of North Port Purchasing Department for comparison purposes. The apparent low bidder is DBE Management LLC dba DBE Utility Services with a total bid price of \$2,030,075.00. Purchasing has reviewed the bid submittal for DBE Management LLC dba DBE Utility Services and has determined that their bid is responsive.

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. Stantec contacted the references that DBE Management LLC dba DBE Utility Services provided in their bid submittal package. The reference projects are described below:

1. 24" Reclaimed Water Main Extension under the Florida Turnpike: The referenced project included a 24" HDPE RCM crossing of the Florida Turnpike by HDD inside a 42" HDPE casing pipe and a 24" DIP RCW open cut.
2. Water Main Replacement at Belvedere Road and Florida Turnpike: The referenced project included an 18" HDPE WM crossing of the Florida Turnpike by HDD inside a 36" HDPE casing pipe and a 16" DIP WM open cut.
3. Pollard Road WTP Phase I WM: This referenced project is still under construction. This project includes approximately 41,500 LF of pipeline consisting of 24" PVC and HDPE RCM and FM and 16" PVC WM. The pipelines are being installed using open cut and HDD methods through residential and commercial areas.
4. Bayshore Drive Intracoastal Waterway Crossing: The referenced project is a design-build project for approximately 4,500 LF of 20" HDPE FM with a dual 14" subaqueous and bypass FMs crossing the Intracoastal Waterway.

We contacted the four references provided by DBE Management LLC dba DBE Utility Services. The reference contacts we spoke with confirmed that the reference projects were finished on schedule, except the Pollard Rd. WTP Phase I WM project, which is still ongoing. The project manager for the Water Main Replacement at Belvedere Road and Florida Turnpike Project—Mr. Joe Tanacredi—indicated that the project was not completed on time and that there were some change orders.

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However, he stated this was due to overruns on contract quantities and errors/omission in the project design. The other reference contacts reported no issues with completing the projects on time or excessive change orders. The contacts stated that DBE Management LLC dba DBE Utility Services was always able to deliver a satisfactory finished product. All contacts described DBE Management LLC dba DBE Utility Services as cooperative and stated that they would recommend DBE Management LLC dba DBE Utility Services for work on similar projects.

Stantec has checked the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation database, the contractor holds a license as a Certified Underground Utility and Excavation Contractor that expires on August 31, 2022, and that there are no complaints on file against their license.

We received no feedback from the responsive project reference contacts for DBE Management LLC dba DBE Utility Services 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 blue ink that reads "Steph MacEachern".

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Project Engineer
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Attachment: Attachment A - Qualifications Review

Attachment A

RFB No. 2022-18 Toledo Blade Boulevard Utility Extensions Qualifications Review for DBE Management LLC dba DBE Utility Services.

Project Work Scope: The purpose of this project is to furnish all labor, materials, equipment, and incidentals required to construct the City of North Port Toledo Blade Boulevard Utility Extension Project in its entirety as shown on the construction plans in the following areas:

- Sanitary sewer force main on the west side of Toledo Blade Boulevard
- Potable Water main on the east side of Toledo Blade Boulevard

Contractor/Subcontractor Qualifications: Contractor shall submit a minimum of three recent (within the past five years) references of projects of similar size and scope involving large diameter water and force main installations and all associated testing, miscellaneous work, restoration, and clean-up. Each reference shall include a project description, project location, name and phone number of a contact person, total project amount, and completion date.

Contractor References: DBE Management LLC dba DBE Utility Services has provided four project references (Reference #1 through #4).

Reference #1

Project Name:	24" Reclaimed Water Main Extension under the Florida Turnpike
Owner/Client:	Palm Beach County Water Utility Department
Owner/Client PM:	Mr. Joe Tanacredi, P.E., Project Manager (561) 493-6088
Project Description:	24" HDPE RCM crossing of Turnpike by HDD inside a 42" HDPE casing pipe + 24" DIP open cut, valving & connections.

Reference #2

Project Name:	Water Main Replacement at Belvedere Road and Florida Turnpike
Owner/Client:	Palm Beach County Water Utility Department
Owner/Client PM:	Mr. Joe Tanacredi, P.E., Project Manager (561) 493-6088
Project Description:	18" HDPE WM crossing of Turnpike by HDD inside a 36" HDPE casing pipe + 16" DIP open cut, valving & connections.

Reference #3

Project Name:	Pollard Road WTP Phase I WM
Owner/Client:	City of Winter Haven, FL
Owner/Client PM:	Mr. Jeff Crowley, P.E., Vice President/Owner Rep & EOR (941) 358-1440
Project Description:	41,500 LF total pipeline: RCM & FM 24" PVC and 24" HDPE – open cut & HDD through residential & commercial + 16" PVC Water Main

Reference #4

Project Name:	Bayshore Drive Intracoastal Waterway Crossing
Owner/Client:	City of Fort Lauderdale, FL
Owner/Client PM:	Daniel Fisher, P.E., Project Manager (954) 828-5850
Project Description:	Design/Build for approximately 4,500 LF of 20" HDPE FM with dual 14" subaqueous & bypass FMs crossing the Intracoastal Waterway.

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Qualifications Review for DBE Management LLC dba DBE Utility Services**

Interview Summary:

Question:	Reference #1	Reference #2	Reference #3	Reference #4
Reference name:	<i>Joe Tanacredi</i>	<i>Joe Tanacredi</i>	<i>Jeff Crowley</i>	<i>Daniel Fisher</i>
Reference position:	<i>Project Manager</i>	<i>Project Manager</i>	<i>Vice President/Owner Rep & EOR</i>	<i>Project Manager</i>
Completed on time?	Yes	Yes	The project is still ongoing, doing pretty good as far as schedule goes. No issues anticipated.	Yes
Completed within budget?	Yes	No*	Had to do some owner requested change orders. This increased the contract amount, did not have to do with DBE Utility Services.	Yes
Satisfactory finished product?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Excessive Change Orders?	No	Yes*	A few change orders were negotiated. In general, no excessive change orders.	No
Was contractor cooperative?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Very cooperative
Would you recommend this contractor for similar work?	Yes	Yes	Yes. They are excellent drillers, have a subcontractor doing the open cut work for this project, but they are very good at directional drilling.	Yes
Notes				

Notes:

* Mr. Joe Tanacredi clarified project Reference #2 regarding budget and change order by referencing "Overrun on contact quantities" and "errors/omission in design".