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AWARD RECOMMENDATION

To: Tricia Wisner, Utilities Director
Thru: Melissa McConnell, Project Manager-Utilities
From: Keith Raney, Senior Contract Administrator
Date: 2/9/2026
Subject: RFB 2025-42 LIFT STATION DIESEL BYPASS PUMPS CDBG-MITIGATION

SECTION I:

Bid opening was held on December 11, 2025, seven (7) bids were received as follows:

COMPANY NAME	TOTAL PRICE
GREGORI CONSTRUCTION INC.	\$1,138,815.00
CATHCART CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	\$1,726,997.00
CLOSE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, LLC.	\$1,576,000.00
US WATER CORPORATION	\$1,385,209.54
INNOVATIVE FABRICATORS OF FLORIDA, INC. DBA INNOVATIVE CONTRACTORS	\$1,202,487.52
SPECTRUM UNDERGROUND	\$1,130,078.00
SEQUOIA CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INC.	\$1,333,540.00

Please review the bid submittals provided to Mellisa McConnell at the bid opening. Purchasing has reviewed the submittals and determined both to be responsive. A responsive submittal conforms to the solicitation specifications and addenda (see attached bid tabulation).

The Utilities department shall review the submittals to determine if they are responsible. A responsible bidder is one determined to have the capability, integrity, reliability, capacity and resources to fully perform all contract requirements in good faith and in accordance with the specifications. Additionally, please verify the provided references and ensure the bidder meets all qualification criteria specified in the solicitation.

Please complete sections II & III below, electronically sign this form, and attach this recommendation along with any other project manager/consultant recommendation for the Finance Director's approval. Upon receipt of this form, a Notice of Intent to Award will be posted.

Please provide any additional comments:

SECTION II:

	APPARENT LOW BIDDER SUBMITTAL: Spectrum Underground, Inc. 5802 Bee Ridge Rd. Suite 101 Sarasota, FL 34233 estimating@spectrumunderground.com	APPARENT LOW BIDDER SUBMITTAL		
		YES	NO	N/A or OTHER
		1	Procurement reviewed and determined the apparent low bidder to be responsive: Spectrum Underground, Inc.	✓
2	Project Manager/Engineer reviewed and determined the apparent low bidder to be responsible bidder meeting or exceeding specifications: Spectrum Underground, Inc.	✓		
3	Department Director recommendation: to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder meeting or exceeding specifications: Spectrum Underground, Inc.	✓		

SECTION III:

CONTRACT Award to be approved by Commission at the:

 X Regular or District meeting on 7/6/2026 .

TOTAL BID PRICE	\$1,130,078.00
CONTINGENCY AMOUNT	\$ <u> 29,922.00 </u> / <u> </u> %

Account Number
420-6063-536.64-00

Project
U22PBP

Available Amount
\$1,160,000.00

Electronic Signatures:

Project Engineer/Manager and Director Acknowledgement (as it relates to my specific area of responsibility):

Melissa McConnell, Project Manager-Utilities

Tricia Wisner, Utilities Director.

Finance Acknowledgement (as it relates to my specific area of responsibility):

Nickie Brown, Budget Analyst

Alla Skipper, Purchasing Manager

Irina Kukharenko, Finance Director

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	Bid Scheule	Bid Form	Statement of Organization	Addenda Acknowledgement	Bid Bond	Equipment and Source of Supply	Qualifications and Experience	Insurance	Construction Indemnification	Certification Regarding Lobbying Form	Non Collusive Affidavit	Conflict of Interest	Public Entity Crime	Drug Free Workplace	Florida Trench Safety	Scrutinized	E Verify/ SAMS site	Human Trafficking	Affidavit of Compliance Foreign	Certification by Bidder	Debarment ,	Certifications and Renrepresentations	Acknowledge Terms	Federl Non Collusion	Fed Funding Account	Executive Comp	Contract Changes	Sanctions and Penalties	P & P	Section 3	State of Florida Site		
Gregori Construction Inc.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Cathcart Construction Company	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Close Construction Services, LLC	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
US WATER Corp	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Innovative Fabricators	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	X	X
Spectrum Underground	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sequoia Construction	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X



February 6, 2026

Melissa McConnell
Project Manager
City of North Port
1100 N. Chamberlain Blvd
North Port, FL 34286

**Re: RECOMMENDATION OF AWARD
Lift Station Diesel Bypass Pumps
City Project Number RFB 2025-42**

Dear Ms. McConnell,

On December 18, 2025, the City of North Port received sealed construction bids for the referenced project from seven (7) contractors. The attached tabulation of bids represents a summary of bid line items by each respective bidder.

The bid tabulation identifies **Spectrum Underground, Inc.** as the apparent low bidder with a total bid price of **\$1,130,078.00**. Gregori Construction submitted the second-lowest bid, followed by Innovative Fabricators of Florida, Inc. dba Innovative Contractors as the third-lowest bidder. Based on our review, the low bidder's proposal appears to conform in material respects to the Invitation to Bid and is therefore considered responsive, pending the City's verification of all required documentation.

The low bidder submitted four references, three of which were City of Sarasota projects. CHA contacted all listed references and received responses from each. The references reported that their projects were completed on time, with any schedule impacts attributed to factors outside the contractor's control. All references stated they would work with the contractor again; one specifically noted that they are currently engaged on another project with Spectrum Underground and provided a positive evaluation of their performance.

A limitation of the contractor's reference list is that none of the referenced projects involved the installation of a lift station emergency diesel bypass pump. To address this, additional references were requested, and Spectrum Underground, Inc. provided a list of diesel pump installations at wastewater lift stations in Florida supplied through Thompson Pump. CHA contacted the individuals on that list, and two of the five responded; however, both indicated they did not recall working directly with Spectrum Underground, Inc.

While the contractor's reference list did not include projects involving the installation of a lift station emergency diesel bypass pump, this type of work is not considered specialized relative to typical wastewater lift station construction. Diesel bypass pumps are generally provided as complete, self-contained units in accordance with the technical specifications. The pump manufacturer or local supplier typically performs start-up, fuel-tank testing and inspection, and provides all required closeout documentation, including operation and maintenance materials.

The Contractor's role is primarily to set and level the unit on a slab-on-grade, install inlet and outlet piping, provide electrical wiring for controls and telemetry, and coordinate with the appropriate local jurisdictions for permitting and commissioning of the on-site fuel tank. Given Spectrum Underground, Inc.'s wastewater construction background, we believe successful installation is likely despite the absence of recent, comparable equipment installations. However, if the City of North Port has concerns regarding the Contractor's ability to perform this work, the City may elect to further evaluate the other submitted bids.

Based on our analysis of the bid tabulation, bid proposal, and reference information, we find that **Spectrum Underground, Inc.** is a responsive and responsible bidder. Accordingly, we recommend awarding the construction contract to Spectrum Underground, Inc. at a bid amount of **\$1,130,078.00**, based on the Contractor's relevant experience and demonstrated capability. This recommendation is contingent upon the City's confidence in the Contractor's ability to successfully perform the diesel pump installation. If the City elects not to proceed with Spectrum Underground, the remaining responsive bidders should be evaluated for potential award.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

CHA CONSULTING, INC.

Sincerely,

Weston Haggren, P.E.



City of North Port

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BID TABULATION

Bidder	Bid
Spectrum Underground, Inc.	\$1,130,078.00
Gregori Construction, Inc.	\$1,138,815.00
Innovative Fabricators of Florida, Inc. dba Innovative Contractors	\$1,202,487.52
Sequoia Construction Group	\$1,333,540.00
US Water Corporation	\$1,385,209.54
Close Construction Services, LLC	\$1,576,000.00
Cathcart Construction Company	\$1,726,997.00





CITY OF NORTH PORT
UNOFFICIAL BID TABULATION "AS READ-PER BID OPENING"



LIFT STATION DIESEL BYPASS PUMPS (FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY'S REBUILD FLORIDA INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIR PROGRAM)

BID NO. 2025-42

BID OPENING DATE: December 11, 2025

DEPARTMENT: Utilities

COMPANY NAME	TOTAL PRICE
Gregori Construction Inc.	\$1,138,815.00
Cathcart Construction Company	\$1,736,997.00
Close Construction Services, LLC	\$1,576,000.00
US Water Corporation	\$1,285,209.54
Innovative Frabicators of Florida, Inc. dba Innovative Contractors	\$1,202,487.52
Spectrum Underground	\$1,130,078.00
Sequoia Construction Group, Inc	\$1,323,540.00

DECLARATION OF EXEMPTION FROM PUBLIC RECORD: Pursuant to Florida Statute No. 119.07 (1), the City of North Port does hereby declare that all bid documents relating to Bid No. 2025-42 are exempt from public record for a period of thirty (30) days, or until such time as the "City" declares intent with regard to disposition whichever comes first.

Bid No. 2025-42 opened this 11th day of December, 2025, in City Hall, Conference Room 337a, the City of North Port, Sarasota County, FL at 2:00 PM.

ATTEST: 

CITY CLERK or DESIGNEE

OPENED BY:

Keith Raney, Senior Contracts Administrator



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X for submitted document

O for not submitted document

N/A for not applicable.

Notes:

Gregori Construction Inc.

Cathcart Construction Company Attachment 15 missed notary stamp

Close Construction Services, LLC Stated will fill out Attachment 20 should contract be awarded. Attachment 21 states not subject to Securities Exchange Act

US WATER Corp

Innovative Fabricators Submitted 3 references needs 4, No Section 3 documentation I contacted them and asked for the documents to be submitted. They replied stating they thought the documents were to be submitted after award, contacted and they stated they believed it was to be sent in after the bid. This is not what Addendum 9 states.

Spectrum Underground

Sequoia Construction