



TO: President Gardiner and Members of the Town Council

FROM: Dustin Anderson, Town Manager

DATE: May 15, 2023

RE: Design Engineering Services

Background

The Town of Munster advertised for design engineering services for the reconstruction of Ridge Road in December of 2022. Responses were due on January 27th. The Town received six responses from firms across the state. These responses were evaluated and scored by all department heads. Those scores were as follows:

| | Anderson | DiTommaso | Gunty | Hajduk | Heintz | Mis | Scheckel | Vander Woude | Total |
|----------------|----------|-----------|-------|--------|--------|-----|----------|--------------|-------|
| Structurepoint | 81 | 84 | 90 | 86 | 89 | 95 | 79 | 78 | 682 |
| IEI | 80 | 83 | 90 | 82 | 82 | 95 | 81 | 85 | 678 |
| HWC | 84 | 77 | 96 | 84 | 91 | 93 | 66 | 65 | 656 |
| DLZ | 67 | 80 | 93 | 88 | 82 | 87 | 73 | 69 | 639 |
| SEH | 69 | 77 | 92 | 82 | 77 | 87 | 72 | 76 | 632 |
| Troyer | 67 | 71 | 88 | 68 | 63 | 79 | 73 | 73 | 582 |

The top three firms were invited to interview with representatives from the Town. On April 14, 2023, the Town interviewed American StructurePoint, Infrastructure Engineering, Inc., and HWC. A team comprised of Tom Vander Woude, Jill DiTommaso, Dr. Andy Koulourides, and Dustin Anderson scored those interviews. The scores were as follows:

| | Vand Woude | DiTommaso | Anderson | Koulourides | TOTAL |
|----------------|------------|-----------|----------|-------------|-------|
| IEI | 34 | 34 | 33 | 15 | 116 |
| HWC | 29 | 27 | 21 | 35 | 112 |
| StructurePoint | 31 | 29 | 30 | 11 | 101 |

Methodology

Infrastructure Engineering, Inc. has assembled a team that includes Butler, Fairman, and Seufert; Teska; Sam Schwartz; Terracon; and Dodd Title Corporation. IEI and their team have deep experience in designing in complex environments local and nationally including, but not limited to: Michigan Street in Indianapolis, Chicago Avenue in Chicago, the Obama Presidential Complex in Jackson Park, Northwestern Avenue in West Lafayette, as well as Broad Street in Griffith and Crown Point Square.

Staff's recommendation is to identify IEI as the Town's preferred consultant and authorize the Town Manager to negotiate terms and conditions of a proposed contract. Award of this contract would likely be recommended at the second meeting in June.

Naming IEI and their team as the Town's preferred consultant will allow them to mobilize effectively so that that when there is a final contract and notice to proceed, that work can begin immediately.

Included as an attachment are both the original proposal as well as some illustrative examples of their experience.

Recommendation

By motion and voice vote identify IEI as our preferred Consultant and authorize the Town Manager to negotiate terms and conditions of the proposed contract