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July 11, 2022

RE: Town of Munster  
2022 Roadway and Water Main  
Improvements – Hawthorne Dr., Cypress  
Ave., Crestwood Ave., White Oak Ave.,  
SEH No. MUNST 166269

Ms. Jill DiTommaso, Deputy Town Manager  
Town of Munster  
1005 Ridge Road  
Munster, IN 46321

Dear Mrs. DiTommaso:

On Wednesday, July 6, 2022, bids were received and read aloud for the 2022 Roadway and Water Main Improvements project. The project includes installation of new water main on Hawthorne Drive as well as pavement rehabilitation Hawthorne Drive, Cypress Avenue, Crestwood Avenue, and White Oak Avenue. The bid also included two alternates for traffic calming on White Oak Avenue. Alternate 1 was to install four chicanes. Alternate 2 was to install two speed humps. The project is partially funded through the Community Crossings Matching Grant (CCMG) program with up to \$374,652.48 in matching funds from INDOT.

The project was publicly bid pursuant to state and local bidding regulations.

Two bids were received for the project:

- Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc.
  - Base Bid + Alternate 1: \$1,197,100.91
  - Base Bid + Alternate 2: \$1,179,535.93
- Milestone Contractors North
  - Base Bid + Alternate 1: \$1,289,803.40
  - Base Bid + Alternate 2: \$1,259,803.40

The Engineer's estimate for Base Bid with Alternate 1 was \$1,243,583.41. The engineers estimate for Base Bid with Alternate 2 was \$1,220,583.41. The bids were reviewed and tabulated by SEH on the attached Bid Tabulation.

As a part of their bid, bidders represent that they visited the site; reviewed all bidding documents; have given the Engineer or Owner written notice of any conflicts, errors, ambiguities, or discrepancies that bidder found in the Bidding Documents; are able to complete the work in the timeframe provided; and that the bid documents were sufficient to convey the requirements of the project.

Our recommendation is to award the project to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc. at their Base Bid + Alternate 2 of \$1,179,535.93. In our opinion, Reith-Riley is fully capable of performing the required work for this project.

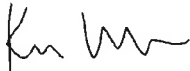
Other items the Council should consider in review of the bids:

- Language included in in Document 00 21 13 – Instructions to Bidders, Article 19.02: *If Owner awards the Contract for the Work, such award shall be to the responsible Bidder submitting the lowest responsive Bid. Owner may also reject the Bid of any bidder if Owner believes that it would not be in the best interest of the Project to make an award to that Bidder.*
- The water main portion of the project is \$315,932.68. This work is not eligible for payment with CCMG funds.
- The eligible CCMG items total \$863,603.25. CCMG funds will pay for half of these costs, up to the grant amount of \$374,652.48.
- Based on the bid prices, the Town's total cost for the project will be \$804,883.45.

We hope this analysis of the bids is adequate for your needs. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

SEH OF INDIANA, LLC



Kimberly Wenzel,  
Civil Engineer

Attachment

cc: Town Council Members  
Dustin Anderson, Town Manager  
Stephen Gunty, Director of Public Works  
David Westland, Town Attorney