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June 15, 2016
VIA HAND DELIVERY

City of Euless
1314-B Royal Parkway
Euless, Texas 76040

Attention: Mr. Allen J. Harts, P.E.
Senior Civil Engineer

Re: Sanitary Sewer Collection System Rehabilitation
FY 2016~City of Euless Bid No. 011-16

Dear Mr. Harts:

Our firm completed the civil engineering design and construction plans and prepared contract documents for the above captioned improvements. An official "Advertisement for Bid Notice" was published by the City of Euless Purchasing Department. Electronic copies of the plans and documents were uploaded to the web site "CivCastUSA.com" where prospective bidders could review, download and print all documents necessary to prepare a bid for the project, at no cost to the bidder. Sealed bids for the construction were received and publicly opened and read aloud at 2:15 PM, June 9, 2016. A copy of the "Record of Bids Received" is attached to this correspondence for your review.

Five (5) sealed bids were received. They ranged from a low bid of $169,498.00 submitted by King Solution Services of Houston, Texas; to a high of $336,005.00 submitted by Horseshoe Construction of La Porte, Texas. The engineer's estimate of cost for the construction was $262,125.00.

It is our opinion that the bid of King Solution Services should be rejected. The contractor failed to provide an acceptable experience record as required by Appendix "A" of the contract bid documents. In addition, the low bid submitted is approximately 32% below the second bidder, and approximately 35% below the Engineer's estimate. There is concern about the contractor's financial ability to successfully complete the project for the unit prices bid. The remaining four (4) bidders all have verifiable experience in trenchless technology methods and all have successfully completed similar projects for the City of Euless.

We recommend that a construction contract be awarded to Circle "C" in the amount of their bid of $251,020.00 with a completion time of 90 calendar days as specified in the bid documents.

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Circle "C" Construction (William J. Schultz, Inc. dba Circle "C" Construction) has been involved in rehabilitation of sanitary sewer facilities utilizing trenchless technology as well as open trench methods for a number of years. They have been in the underground utility construction business since 1974. Their projects range in cost from $250,000 to $7,500,000; with their average annual volume ranging from $14 to $18 million dollars. They currently operate two (2) trenchless technology (pipe bursting) crews in addition to their other operations.

While the majority of their work has been in the City of Fort Worth, they have completed projects in Euless which include water and sanitary sewer line relocations on Ash Lane, emergency water line repair on Glade Road, the reclaimed water delivery system to the Texas Star Golf Course, Phase 2 of the reclaimed waterline extension and the FY 2010, FY 2012, FY 2013, 2014 and FY 2015 sanitary sewer rehabilitation projects.

Representatives of Circle "C" advised us that they have reviewed the unit prices of their bid as well as those of the remaining bidders and they are comfortable with their bid prices as submitted.

Surety bonds (performance, payment, and maintenance bonds) are underwritten by Merchants Bonding Company of Des Moines, Iowa. The local agent is John Miller and Associates of Fort Worth. According to the Surety's agent, no claims have been made to the Surety under any of the bonds written to Circle "C".

The project is located in the Green Hills Park Addition generally between Crane Drive and Glenn Drive, north of Harwood Road as indicated on the enclosed area location map. The majority of the work includes replacement of existing deteriorated 6-inch vitrified clay tile and/or concrete pipe with 8-inch polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipe and/or high density polyethylene pipe by traditional open-trench, and pipe bursting (trenchless technology) methods. Reconnection of individual sewer services, replacement of manholes, and other incidental construction items required for a complete project are included.

We trust the foregoing will be beneficial to you as you prepare your final recommendations on this project. We appreciate very much the opportunity to be of service to you and the City of Euless and respectfully invite you to contact us should you have questions or if we may provide additional information.

Very truly yours,
ELLIOTT & HUGHES, INC.

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