



October 17, 2016

Ms. Patricia McNeese
Engineering Director
P.O. Box 305, City Hall
Franklin, Tennessee 37065

Re: **City of Franklin, TN**
Curd Branch & Watson Branch Interceptor Sewer Improvements
Bid Award
SSR No. 13-41-032.0 / COF No. 2014-0181

Dear Ms. McNeese:

On Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 2:30 P.M., bids were opened for Curd Branch & Watson Branch Interceptor Sewer Improvements project. Six (6) bids were submitted. A list of bidders and bid amounts are shown below.

Bidder	Total Base Bid	Alt. No. 1	Alt. No. 2
1. Norris Brothers Excavating, LLC	\$1,349,674.40	\$6,596.00	\$291.00
2. Cleary Construction, Inc.	\$1,481,995.00	\$545.00	\$93.00
3. Jarrett Builders, Inc.	\$1,775,150.00	\$8,400.00	\$588.00
4. Civil Constructors, LLC	\$1,901,718.00	\$4,465.00	\$160.00
5. SBW Constructors, LLC	\$1,989,982.00	\$600.00	\$100.00
6. Walker Building Group, LLC	\$2,808,167.50	\$250.00	\$100.00

After evaluations of the submitted bids, the low bidder is Norris Brothers Excavating. Per Section 00 2113, each bid was checked for errors and a bid tabulation was created. Two (2) errors were found and corrected on the bid tab. A copy of the bid tab has been sent to all plan holders.

Per Section 00 2113, qualifications were requested from the low bidder. After reviewing their information, SSR and the City of Franklin have come to the conclusion that Norris Brothers has not provided adequate experience for a project of this magnitude. Given this information, we recommend the next lowest bidder, Cleary Construction, Inc. be awarded the contract for the Curd Branch & Watson Branch Interceptor Sewer Improvements project. Cleary Construction is located in Tompkinsville, Kentucky. They have provided a list of ten (10) projects of similar size and scope. We have worked with this contractor in the past and feel confident in their capabilities for the work to be accomplished.

Per our phone conversation, we do not recommend the City accept the alternate prices to add the MIC additive to all manholes. After further review the manhole manufacturers did not include the waterproofing admixture with the MIC admixture as specified. The Total Base Bid for this project is **\$1,481,995.00**. If you have any questions regarding this recommendation please feel free to contact me at pfonda@ssr-inc.com or (615)460-0543.

Sincerely,
SMITH SECKMAN REID, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paolo Fonda". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "P" and a cursive "Fonda".

Paolo M. Fonda, P.E.

Cc: Paul Holzen – COF
Mark Hilty – FWMD
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