



January 9, 2024

Mr. Wael Tabara, P.E.  
Brazoria County Engineering  
451 N. Velasco, Suite 230  
Angleton, TX 77515

Re: ITB#24-02 Culvert Replacements CR 214A,B,C & CR 680, CR 682- Bid Recommendation

Dear Wael:

Aguirre & Fields has evaluated the 2 received bids. Our recommendation is to proceed with the low-bidder, MB WESTERN CONSTRUCTION CO.

Summary of the received bids:

	TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST	% Diff from Engineers Estimate
ENGINEERS ESTIMATE	\$807,260.00	
ARANDA INDUSTRIES, LLC.	\$1,544,650.00	91%
MB WESTERN CONSTRUCTION CO.	\$1,198,610.00	48%

The bid documents received were noted by Brazoria County to have appropriate documents and considered responsive bidders. The bids came in generally higher than anticipated for the majority of items, likely due to recent price increases, relatively small quantity, and rural location. Mobilization and wingwall costs were substantially higher. Of note on the received bids, Aranda Industries, LLC. had an item that was substantially higher than engineers estimated unit cost. The cost was 15 times engineers anticipated cost for Item 420 6009 EA CL A CONC (COLLAR). This item cost if an error would not have changed the low bid award.

Please see attached the bid comparison which details the two (2) received bids. It relates item cost and % difference when compared to the engineers estimate. Included is the combined total and breakdown of each location in excel format.

If you have any questions, feel free to give me a call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Aaron DeBord'.

Aaron DeBord, P.E.  
ASD/  
Enclosures

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