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November 13, 2024

By Email

Mr. Jeff Caldwell
Deputy Director
Anderson Regional Joint Water System
998 Hunters Trail
Anderson, South Carolina 29625

Re: ***Recommendation of Award***
5.0 MG Ground Storage Tank
Anderson Regional Joint Water System
Project No. 2023-0727-00

Dear Mr. Caldwell,

On October 24, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., bids were received at the offices of the Anderson Regional Joint Water System (ARJWS), opened, and read aloud for the subject project. Four firms offered bids. Enclosed is a copy of the certified bid tabulation.

Based on the level of interest demonstrated during the bidding process by the Bidders involved, and our review and evaluation of all bids received, we believe that all four bids are competitive and responsive. The bids submitted for the project included a base bid price comprised of bid items for mobilization and the installation of a 5.0 MG ground storage tank as shown per the contract drawings and specifications, deductive alternates for providing a 3.0 MG ground storage tank in lieu of the 5.0 MG ground storage tank (deductive alternate no. 1) and for the elimination of the six (6) electric valve actuators, valve stands, and supporting appurtenances (deductive alternate no.2), and the total bid amount (summation of the base bid price and deductive alternates). The apparent low bidder for this project is Harper General Contractors, with a base bid price in the amount of $5,726,000.00 and total bid amount of $4,364,900.00.

Harper General Contractors has provided all required documents with their bid. Upon review, we find that Harper General Contractors is a qualified and responsive bidder. Furthermore, they are duly licensed in South Carolina to perform both water and sewer work applicable to the project.

The SCIIP Grant process requires that the Grantee perform a cost or price analysis to determine cost reasonableness in connection with every formal procurement. The bids offered for the 5.0 MG Ground Storage Tank project for the Anderson Regional Joint Water System represent the market price for planned ground storage tank construction and the base bid price from Harper is within the opinion of probable cost estimated for the project. Anderson Regional Joint Water System received four responsive bids for the referenced project from reputable contractors, licensed in the State of South Carolina, and possessing the requisite experience to perform this work. The cost differential between the low and high base bids received is $811,000.00. The cost differential between the lowest and next lowest base bids received is $186,981.00. A certified bid tabulation is provided with this recommendation to award.

Anderson Regional Joint Water System did not deviate significantly from its established practices and policies regarding the incurrence of cost, which may unjustifiably increase the Federal award's cost. ARJWS followed the South Carolina Infrastructure Investment Program's (SCIIP) procedures for the procurement of construction services. These procedures are consistent with the Anderson Regional Joint Water System's

internal governance and procurement policies. As mentioned herein, the subject project was publicly advertised for bids. The bids were received at its place of business and publicly read aloud. This recommendation to award the Contract is based on the lowest, most responsive bid received. From our evaluation of these bids and analysis of the project cost, it is our opinion that the bid submitted by Harper General Contractors represents a fair and reasonable cost.

Based on the above, we recommend award of the contract to Harper General Contractors in the amount of their base bid price of $5,726,000.00 and not to accept either of the two deductive alternates, contingent upon RIA acceptance. Enclosed is a copy of the *Notice of Award* for your review. Should you decide to award this contract to Harper General Contractors, please sign and return to our office. We will forward a signed copy to them along with the Agreement and Bond forms for execution.

Should you have any questions, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

ARDURRA GROUP, INC.

Donald Phillips, P.E.
Sr. Project Manager

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Enclosures

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BID TABULATION SHEET

Client: **Anderson Regional Joint Water System**
Project: **5.0 MG Ground Storage Tank**
Project No: **2023-0727-00**
Bid Date: **October 24, 2024**

Certified as Correct: _____
Date: 10/31/2024

				BIDDERS							
				Harper General Contractors, Inc.		Langston Construction Co. of Piedmont, LLC		Consensus Construction and Consulting, Inc.		State Utility Contractors, Inc.	
Item	Description	Unit	Est. Quantity	Unit Price	Amount	Unit Price	Amount	Unit Price	Amount	Unit Price	Amount
1.	Mobilization (3% Maximum)	LS	1	$ 150,000.00	$ 150,000.00	$ 117,390.00	$ 117,390.00	$ 188,850.00	$ 188,850.00	$ 195,000.00	$ 195,000.00
2.	5.0 MG Ground Storage Tank	LS	1	$ 5,576,000.00	$ 5,576,000.00	$ 5,795,591.00	$ 5,795,591.00	$ 6,106,150.00	$ 6,106,150.00	$ 6,342,000.00	$ 6,342,000.00
	BASE BID PRICE				**$ 5,726,000.00**		**$ 5,912,981.00**		**$ 6,295,000.00**		**$ 6,537,000.00**
	DEDUCTIVE ALTERNATES										
1.	Providing 3.0 MG ground storage tank (124'-0" ID x 33'-3" SWD) in lieu of 5.0 MG ground storage tank (160'-0" ID x 33'-3" SWD)	LS	1	$ (1,180,000.00)	$ (1,180,800.00)	$ (1,089,007.00)	$ (1,089,007.00)	$ (950,000.00)	$ (950,000.00)	$ (1,000,000.00)	$ (1,000,000.00)
2.	Eliminating (6) electric valve actuators, valve stands, and supporting appurtenances (required electrical and I&C)	LS	1	$ (180,300.00)	$ (180,300.00)	$ (234,305.00)	$ (234,305.00)	$ (170,000.00)	$ (170,000.00)	$ (165,000.00)	$ (165,000.00)
	TOTAL OF ALLOWANCES				**$ (1,361,100.00)**		**$ (1,323,312.00)**		**$ (1,120,000.00)**		**$ (1,165,000.00)**
	TOTAL LUMP SUM BID PRICE (INCLUDING UNIT COST ALLOWANCES)				**$ 4,364,900.00**		**$ 4,589,669.00**		**$ 5,175,000.00**		**$ 5,372,000.00**

NOTICE OF AWARD

Date of Issuance: 11/13/2024

Owner: Anderson Regional Joint Water System		Owner's Project No.:
Engineer: Ardurra Group, Inc.		Engineer's Project No.: 2023-0727-00
Project:	5.0 MG Ground Storage Tank	
Contract Name:	5.0 MG Ground Storage Tank	
Bidder:	Harper General Contractors, Inc.	
Bidder's Address:	312 East Coffee Street, Greenville, South Carolina 29601	

You are notified that Owner has accepted your Bid dated **October 24, 2024,** for the above Contract, and that you are the Successful Bidder and are awarded a Contract for:

5.0 MG Ground Storage Tank

The Contract Price of the awarded Contract is **$5,726,000.00**. Contract Price is subject to adjustment based on the provisions of the Contract, including but not limited to those governing changes, Unit Price Work, and Work performed on a cost-plus-fee basis, as applicable.

Four (4) unexecuted counterparts of the Agreement accompany this Notice of Award, and one copy of the Contract Documents accompanies this Notice of Award or has been transmitted or made available to Bidder electronically.

☒ Drawings will be delivered separately from the other Contract Documents.

You must comply with the following conditions precedent within 15 days of the date of receipt of this Notice of Award:

1. Deliver to Owner **four (4)** counterparts of the Agreement, signed by Bidder (as Contractor).
2. Deliver with the signed Agreement(s) the Contract security (such as required performance and payment bonds) and insurance documentation, as specified in the Instructions to Bidders and in the General Conditions, Articles 2 and 6.
3. Other conditions precedent (if any): **Any contract or contracts awarded under this Advertisement for Bids will be funded in part by the South Carolina Infrastructure Investment Program (SCIIP) administered by the South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA). The attention of the bidder is particularly called to the SCIIP Supplemental General Conditions, which are included in Project Manual and the requirements summarized on the Supplement to the Bid Form.**

Failure to comply with these conditions within the time specified will entitle Owner to consider you in default, annul this Notice of Award, and declare your Bid security forfeited.

Within 10 days after you comply with the above conditions, Owner will return to you one fully signed counterpart of the Agreement, together with any additional copies of the Contract Documents as indicated in Paragraph 2.02 of the General Conditions.

Owner: **Anderson Regional Joint Water System**

By *(signature)*: _____

Name *(printed)*: _____

Title: _____

Copy: Engineer

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