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Mr. Tomas Hernandez  
Wastewater Treatment Superintendent  
City of Laredo - Utilities  
1102 Bob Bullock Loop  
Laredo, TX 78043

Subject: South Laredo Wastewater Treatment Plant (SLWWTP) Blower Building Enclosure Project – Bid Results and Engineer’s Recommendation

Dear Mr. Hernandez:

The above referenced project was publicly advertised on November 3, 2024, bids received on December 5, 2024, and the bid opening held on December 6, 2024. The project includes modifications to the South Laredo WWTP blower building to enclose the blower rooms, provide HVAC improvements, modify the blower process air intakes, cooling air intakes, and cabinet cooling exhaust, and other ancillary work. Coordination with the blower manufacturer (Sulzer) is also included to supply necessary blower modification components, and to provide blower manufacturer field services, installation inspection, start-up assistance, and commissioning services. The project was bid utilizing a traditional sealed bid process. The project was bid with a \$50,000.00 allowance for additional unanticipated work required at the Owner’s direction. Bid proposals were received from two (2) contractors, MAGE 4 Group, LTD and Rava Construction LLC. The apparent low bidder is MAGE 4 Group, LTD. CDM Smith reviewed the bids as summarized below:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>MAGE 4 Group, LTD</b>	<b>Rava Construction LLC</b>
Total Base Bid	\$2,087,000.00	\$3,440,000.00
Allowance	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
<b>Total Bid</b>	<b>\$2,137,000.00</b>	<b>\$3,490,000.00</b>

The bids were checked for completeness, mathematical errors, and bid irregularities and reviewed against the project budget and engineer’s estimate. The engineer’s estimate of \$2,860,000.00 is approximately the average of the two bids received for the project.

MAGE 4 Group, LTD provided a list of qualifications and references as required in the Information from Bidders section of the bid response. The references and qualifications to perform similar work provided by MAGE 4 Group, LTD were reviewed. MAGE 4 Group, LTD has successfully performed water or wastewater infrastructure installations for other municipalities.





Additionally, CDM Smith discussed the project with MAGE 4 Group, LTD and reviewed their experience, qualifications, and ability to perform the project within their proposed bid amount and schedule. MAGE 4 Group, LTD confirmed they are confident to complete the project successfully as proposed.

CDM Smith recommends that the City of Laredo award the SLWWTP Blower Building Enclosure Project to MAGE 4 Group, LTD in the amount not to exceed **\$2,137,000.00** for the bid, subject to formal approval by the City of Laredo City Council.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kimberly Chanslor".

Kimberly Chanslor, P.E., PMP  
Associate/ Sr. Project Manager  
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cc: Walter "Buzz" Pishkur, Interim Executive Utilities Director, City of Laredo  
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