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RE: Recommendation to Award – Sombreretillo 12-Inch Force Main Project &
Pan-American Lift Station Elimination Project
Bid #1

Mr. Leon,

Following the public bid opening conducted on Wednesday, May 7th, 2025, for the above-referenced projects, we have completed a comprehensive review of the submitted bids in accordance with the procurement requirements established in the contract documents.

A total of 1 bid was received. The apparent low bidder is Speiss Construction Co., Inc., with a total base bid of \$3,997,487 and an alternate bid of \$1,226,288, resulting in a grand total bid of \$5,223,775.

A discrepancy was identified in the alternate bid within the total unit price for item A-6, 12" PVC Gravity Sewer Line. The contractor's total price shown for this item is \$550,016. The actual calculated value for this item is \$555,016. It is important to note that the contractor's total for the alternate bid reflects the actual calculated value.

The alternate bid and grand total bid values presented in this letter include the additional \$5,000 associated with this item. We acknowledge that it is at the sole discretion of the Owner whether to hold the contractor to the stated line item total or require correction to reflect the accurate calculated amount.

We have verified the bid for completeness, evaluated the contractor's qualifications, and reviewed prior experience on similar municipal infrastructure projects. Based on our evaluation, we find the bid submitted by Speiss Construction Co., Inc., to be responsive and responsible. Their references reflect satisfactory performance, and they appear capable of delivering the scope of work in accordance with the project specifications and timeline.

Therefore, we recommend awarding the construction contract for the Sombreretillo 12-Inch Force Main Project and the Pan-American Lift Station Elimination Project to Speiss Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$5,223,775. It is at the Owner's discretion whether to consider the value shown by the contractor or the actual calculated value for item A-6. The construction contract award amount is contingent upon the completion of all required contract documents and submittals, including bonds and insurance.

Please let us know if you would like to proceed with the formal notice of award or if further information is needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ej Valdez', is positioned above the printed name.

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