



## DEPARTMENT OF PURCHASING AND CONTRACTS

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**DATE:** 7/23/24

**TO:** Joe Goulart, Purchasing Agent II

**FROM:** Joshua Walker

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation for Award Bid No. 24-C00715/JG

Project Name: Decommission, Relocation and Reconstruction of Chalmer St Lift Station  
Force Main Install

The attached bid received from Midsouth Inc. for the above referenced project/solicitation is submitted for your review, evaluation, and award recommendation. In accordance with the Hernando County Ordinance No. 93.16, Section 2-105 (6) and Purchasing and Contracts Department Policies and Procedures Manual, Procedure No. 130F, Paragraph 3. (D), Policy 140I, Paragraph 2(H), please complete items 2 through 6 and return this award recommendation form with your technical evaluation attached, approved by your department director/manager.

1. Total Contract Bid Price is: \$2,754,132.39

2. Reference checks are satisfactory: ☒ YES ☐ NO

If no, provide an explanation using the space provided below and/or attached to this form.

3. Recommend award as responsive and responsible bidder ☒ YES ☐ NO

If no, provide a detailed explanation using the space provided below and/or attached to this form.

4. Request Next Bidder? ☐ YES ☒ NO

5. Provide a statement that addresses the reason(s) for your recommendation or rejection. Include your basis for determining that pricing is fair and reasonable and that the Bidder has the ability and resources to perform in accordance with the bid terms, conditions and scope.

See attached letter from consultant.

6. Provide the funding information: Fund 4144 Dept 07244 Account 5626323

Recommendation Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Department Director/Manager

Date: 7/24/24

Enclosure

## REFERENCE CHECK

BID #: 24-C00715/JG

BID TITLE: Decommission, Relocation and Reconstruction of Chalmer  
St Lift Station and Force Main Install

RESPONDENT: City of St. Augustine - Lincolnville

REFERENCE (Company or Person): Jessica Beach

PHONE #: 904 -209-4227

PERSON YOU SPOKE TO: Jessica Beach

1. Describe the work contracted by your firm/company.

Drainage, sewer and WM replacement - pipe work only

2. Was the work completed on time?

There were delays due to the grand funding, field condition changes - old project off the shelf and the plans were not updated with current SUE

3. Were you satisfied with the final results?

Yes

4. Did you implement their recommendations?

Yes, changes in field

5. Did you encounter any problems?

typical field conditions. Noted that this was a small company that had just broken off of larger company and first project with the City. Learning curve.

6. How would you rate the company on a scale of 1 to 5 (low to high) on the following:

Professionalism	<u>4-5</u>
Qualifications	<u>3 - new young company</u>
Final Product	<u>5</u>
Cooperation	<u>5</u>
Reliability	<u>5</u>

7. Would you contract with this company again?

Yes X No        Maybe       

Reference checked by: D.Achinelli

Date: 6-18-24

## REFERENCE CHECK

BID #: 24-C00715/JG

BID TITLE: Decommission, Relocation and Reconstruction of Chalmer  
St Lift Station and Force Main Install

RESPONDENT: City of Wildwood

REFERENCE (Company or Person): Continental County Club, LS, & SR 44 FM

PHONE #: 352-330-1343

PERSON YOU SPOKE TO: Jason Martin - Asst. Director

1. Describe the work contracted by your firm/company.

Construction of a new duplex LS to replace the package plant and 6-8K feet of 8-inch FM.

2. Was the work completed on time?

Work was on hold for 180-195 days as FDOT had work they were doing on SR 44 that needed to be done first.

3. Were you satisfied with the final results?

The LS is about 75% done, looks good, but cannot speak to the functionality at this time.

4. Did you implement their recommendations?

Some changes, mainly utility conflicts.

5. Did you encounter any problems?

Was not a fan of their pay application, difficult to follow. They do keep an adequate workforce when on site and are easy to communicate with. They are not the best but far from the worst. Have done 3/4 projects with them in the past.

6. How would you rate the company on a scale of 1 to 5 (low to high) on the following:

Professionalism	<u>3.5</u>
Qualifications	<u>4</u>
Final Product	<u>na</u>
Cooperation	<u>4</u>
Reliability	<u>4</u>

7. Would you contract with this company again?

Yes X No        Maybe       

Reference checked by: D.Achinelli

Date: 6-13-24

## REFERENCE CHECK

BID #: 24-C00715/JG

BID TITLE: Decommission, Relocation and Reconstruction of Chalmer  
St Lift Station and Force Main Install

RESPONDENT: City of Winter Haven

REFERENCE (Company or Person): Winter Haven Reg. Airport Utilities

PHONE #: 863-287-3928

PERSON YOU SPOKE TO: Ron Bach

1. Describe the work contracted by your firm/company.  
Did not recall DB being on the project, possibly a sub but no recollection.
2. Was the work completed on time?
3. Were you satisfied with the final results?
4. Did you implement their recommendations?
5. Did you encounter any problems?
6. How would you rate the company on a scale of 1 to 5 (low to high) on the following:  

Professionalism	_____
Qualifications	_____
Final Product	_____
Cooperation	_____
Reliability	_____
7. Would you contract with this company again?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

Reference checked by: D.Achinelli - McKim & Creed

Date: 6-11-24

## REFERENCE CHECK

BID #: 24-C00715/JG

BID TITLE: Decommission, Relocation and Reconstruction of Chalmer  
St Lift Station and Force Main Install

RESPONDENT: Putnam County of County Commissioners

REFERENCE (Company or Person): Port Buena Vista FM and LS

PHONE #: 386-329-0346

PERSON YOU SPOKE TO: Doneda Cole

1. Describe the work contracted by your firm/company.

4-6 miles of pipe replacement of failing sewage lines

2. Was the work completed on time?

Yes

3. Were you satisfied with the final results?

Yes

4. Did you implement their recommendations?

No changes - kept to the contract

5. Did you encounter any problems?

No

6. How would you rate the company on a scale of 1 to 5 (low to high) on the following:

Professionalism 4.5

Qualifications 4-5

Final Product 4

Cooperation 4

Reliability 5

7. Would you contract with this company again?

Yes X

No       

Maybe       

Reference checked by: D.Achinelli - McKim & Creed

Date: 6-11-24

## REFERENCE CHECK

BID #: 24-C00715/JG

BID TITLE: Decommission, Relocation and Reconstruction of Chalmer  
St Lift Station and Force Main Install

RESPONDENT: Putnam County of County Commissioners

REFERENCE (Company or Person): St. Johns Ave Drainage, Road and Utility Project

PHONE #: 386-329-0346

PERSON YOU SPOKE TO: Doneda Cole

1. Describe the work contracted by your firm/company.  
5 Phase project, they have completed Phases 1 & 2, currently on Phase 3 which is underground piping, ditch work. Work includes road, ponds, ditches and infrastructure (FEMA project)

2. Was the work completed on time?

Yes for the first 2

3. Were you satisfied with the final results?

Yes

4. Did you implement their recommendations?

No changes - kept to the contract

5. Did you encounter any problems?

Not with the work, however, is a Davis Bacon project and the project PM was not keeping up with the certified payrolls

6. How would you rate the company on a scale of 1 to 5 (low to high) on the following:

Professionalism	<u>4.5</u>
Qualifications	<u>4-5</u>
Final Product	<u>4</u>
Cooperation	<u>4</u>
Reliability	<u>5</u>

7. Would you contract with this company again?

Yes X No        Maybe       

Reference checked by: D.Achinelli - McKim & Creed

Date: 6-11-24



ENGINEERS

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PLANNERS

June 24, 2024

M&C 01155-0019(54)

Mr. Joshua Walker  
Project Manager, Engineering  
Hernando County Utilities Department  
15365 Cortez Boulevard  
Brooksville, Fl 34613

RE: Decommission, Relocation and Reconstruction of Chalmer St. Lift  
Station and Force Main Install  
ITB No. 24-C00715/JG  
Bid Evaluation and Recommendation

Dear Mr. Walker:

McKim & Creed, Inc. is tasked by the County to provide bidding support services for this project as follows:

- Attend pre-bid meeting
- Review and respond to questions received from the bidders
- Prepare up to three (3) addenda (if necessary)
- Evaluate the bids received
- Provide a recommendation letter to the County

This letter summarizes our bid evaluation of the construction contract low bidder received for the **Decommission, Relocation and Reconstruction of Chalmer St. Lift Station and Force Main Install - ITB No. 24-C00715/JG**, advertised on April 10, 2024.

A review of the certified Hernando County Evaluation Tabulation shows that four (4) bids were submitted, and were opened on Monday, June 3, 2024 at 10:00 AM. The bids ranged from \$2,259,340.00 to \$3,240,420.50, with DB Civil Construction, LLC being the apparent low bidder.

McKim & Creed reviewed DB Civil Construction LLC's experience, reputation, performance, past projects and outstanding projects. The bid documents required the Contractor to submit reference information for a minimum of three (3) recent (within the past seven years) projects of similar size, dollar value and scope as this project. M&C contacted the references and

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documented the reference information (see attached) using a Reference Check Form provided by Hernando County.

Of the eight (8) references received, four (4) were primarily drainage projects that did not include forcemain or lift station construction.

The reference contacts were able to confirm one (1) project (City of Wildwood – Continental Country Club, LS, & SR 44 FM) that included a lift station. However, the City of Wildwood stated that this lift station was only 75% complete.

The Putnam County Port Buena Vista FM and LS project reference confirmed that 4-6 miles of failing sewage lines were replaced but made no mention of a lift station.

The City of Winter Haven contact did not recall that DB Civil Construction, LLC was involved with the Winter Have Regional Airport Utilities project, the contact was not certain if DB Civil Construction, LLC was a subcontractor.

Based on the information provided by DB Civil Construction, LLC and the information obtained from contacting project references, McKim & Creed recommends that the County consider the DB Civil Construction, LLC bid as non-responsive, due to their failure to provide three reference projects of similar size and scope that have been completed.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

McKIM & CREED, INC.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Phillip J. Locke".

Sr. Project Manager

cc: Project File w/enclosures

Edward Pollard, M&C

Encl: Reference contact forms