



June 30, 2023

JD Cox, City Administrator
City of Douglas
P.O. Box 1030
Douglas, Wyoming 82633

Re: Recommendation of Award – S. Downtown Alleys Improvements Project

Dear Mr. Cox:

Bids were received for the City of Douglas: S. Downtown Alleys Improvements Project on June 28th, 2023 at 1:00PM MST. One bid was received and the price of this bid was \$1,790,600.00 for the Total Base Bid. A detailed breakdown of the bid is provided in the enclosed bid tabulation. The contractor who submitted the bid was Western Municipal Construction. There were no alternate bid items on this project.

We have thoroughly reviewed the bid provided by Western Municipal Construction. The bid was complete and the bid documents were completed properly; however, the bid is well above the budgeted funds for this project and well above the engineer's estimate.

With only one contractor bidding the project, and their bid coming in higher than the budgeted amount for the project, it is our recommendation to not award the project to Western Municipal Construction. It is recommended to rebid the project towards the end of this calendar year for construction to take place in the spring/early summer of 2024. We have spoken with several contractors that have stated that they would be interested in bidding the project if it is rebid towards the end of this calendar year. This recommended option is anticipated to provide a more competitive bidding environment and subsequently lower bid prices.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Civil Engineering Professionals, Inc.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Nicholas Larsen'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Nicholas Larsen, P.E.

Cc: John Harbarger, Public Works Director
Enc.