



July 19th, 2023

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

Re: Recommendation of Award – WWTP Cell Bypass Rehabilitation Project

Dear Mr. Cox:

Bids were received for the City of Douglas: WWTP Cell Bypass Rehabilitation Project on June 28th, 2023 at 2:00PM MST. A total of two (2) bids were received ranging in price from \$1,289,700.50 to \$1,407,634.00 for the Total Base Bid. A detailed breakdown of the bids is provided in the enclosed bid tabulation. The low bidder was JR Civil, LLC with a Total Base Bid of \$1,289,700.50. There were no alternate bid items on this project. Both bids were above the budgeted funds for this project and the engineer's estimate.

We have thoroughly reviewed the bid provided by JR Civil, LLC. The bid was accurate and complete. There were no discrepancies in their bid and the documents were completed properly.

Neither CEPI nor the City of Douglas have experience working with JR Civil, LLC. on recent projects. CEPI called several references provided by JR Civil, LLC and received some positive reviews and some negative reviews. CEPI has worked with the subcontractor for JR Civil, LLC that will be completing a large portion of the work for this project. CEPI has no issues with this subcontractor.

The increased costs to the project is mainly attributed to increased construction costs to material costs industry wide. Over the last few years, construction costs and materials costs have continued to rise. We do not anticipate receiving lower bids if this project is rebid. There is a decent chance that the costs could increase if the project is rebid.

If funding is available to award the full project, CEPI recommends award of the contract to JR Civil, LLC in the full amount of \$1,289,700.50.

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

Sincerely,
Civil Engineering Professionals, Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Larsen', is written over a white background.

Nick Larsen, P.E.

Cc: John Harbarger, Public Works Director
Enc.